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# SPIDER-MAN

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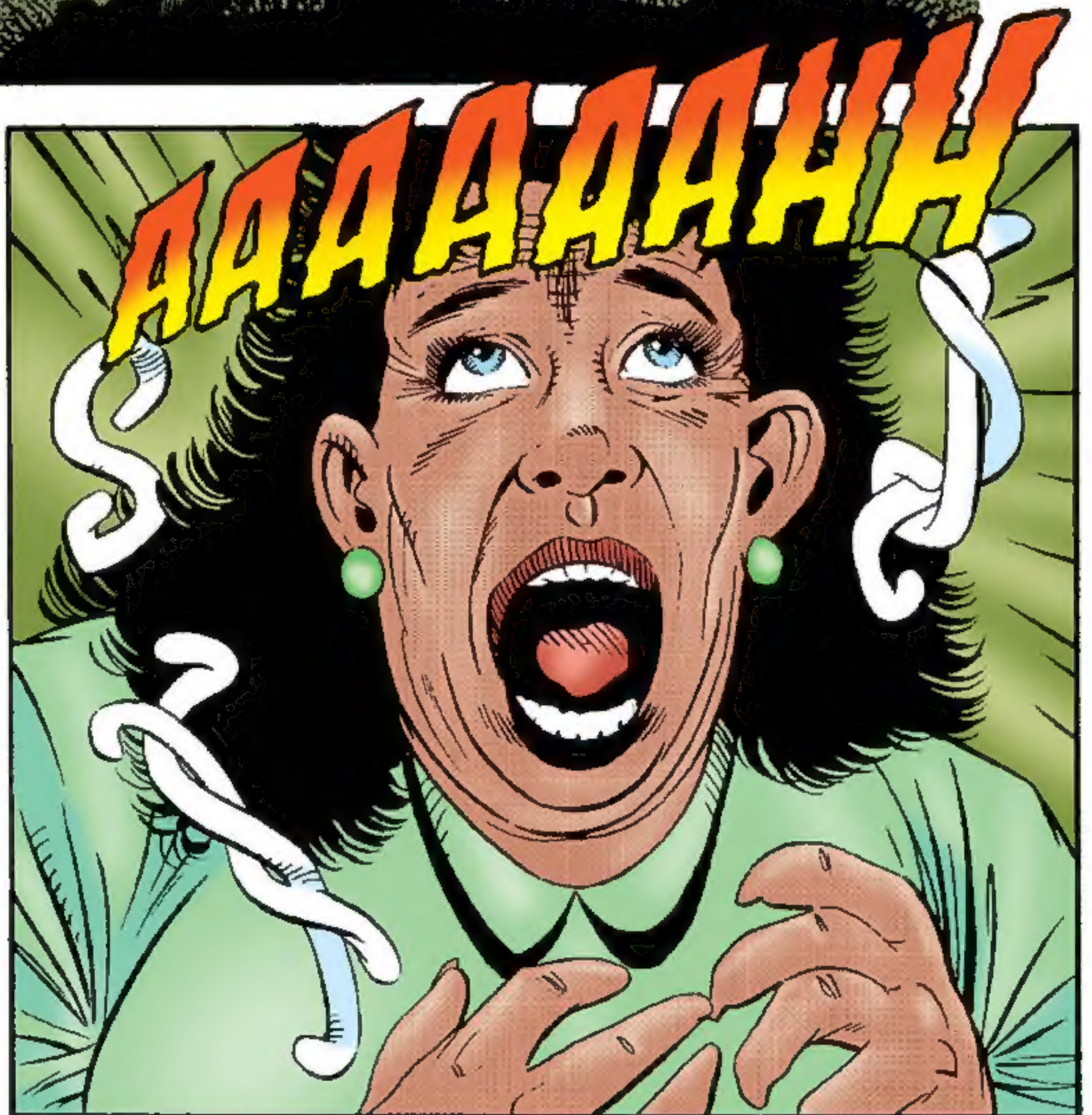
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PRESENTS!

# HOME AGAIN HOME AGAIN

I MADE IT!  
I'M BACK UPTOWN  
AGAIN! I'M--

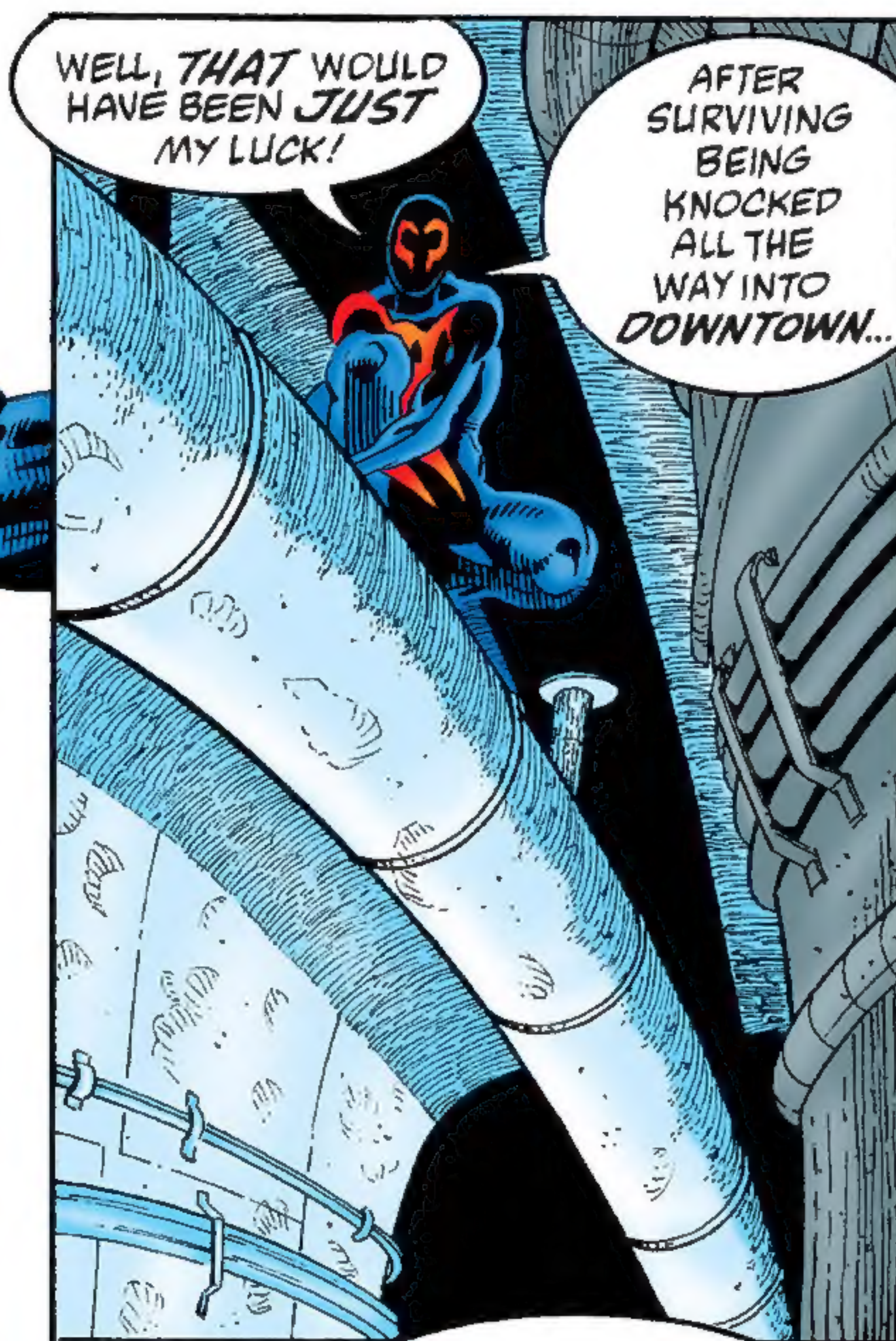
--HOME?

Zh-oh.

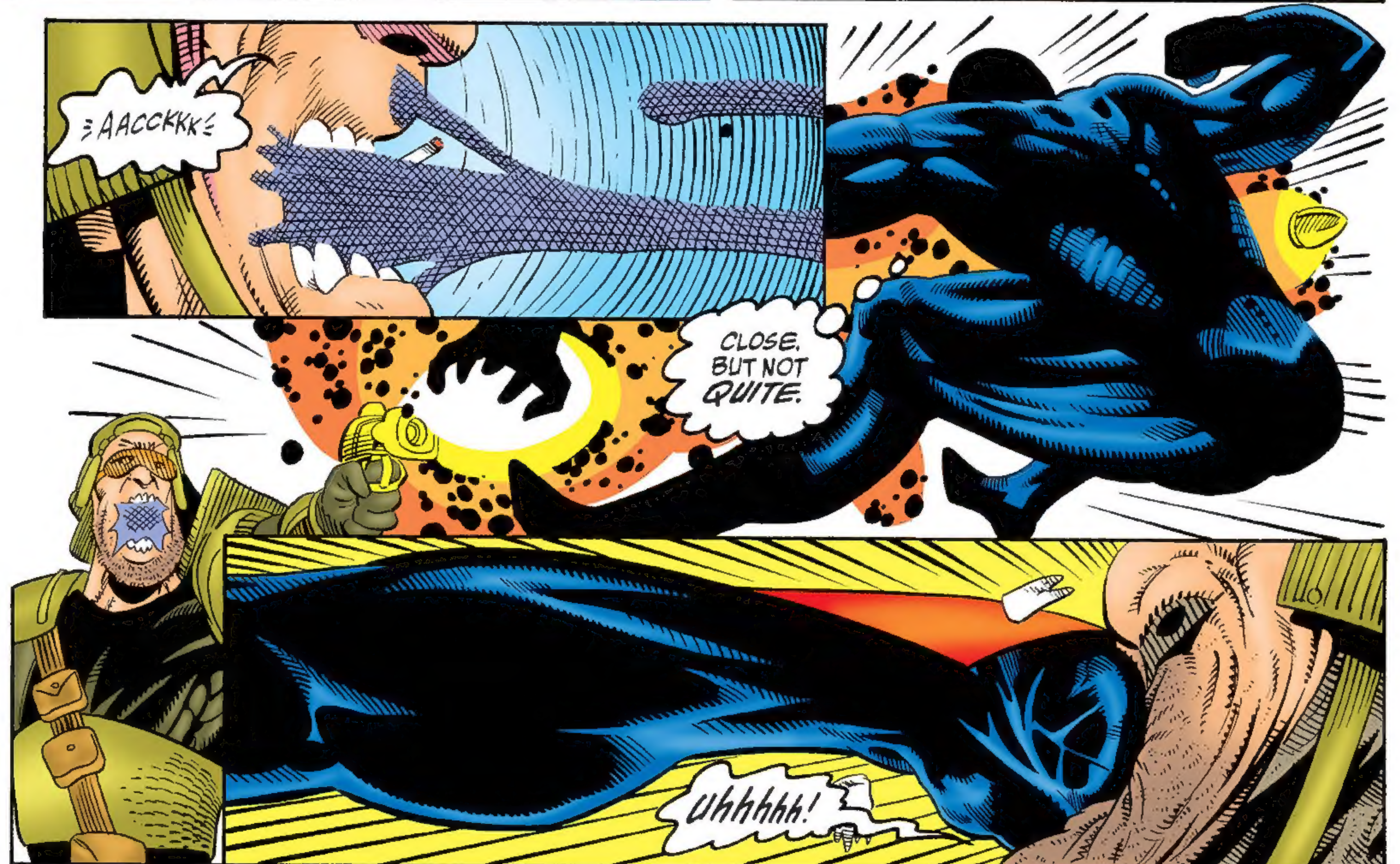
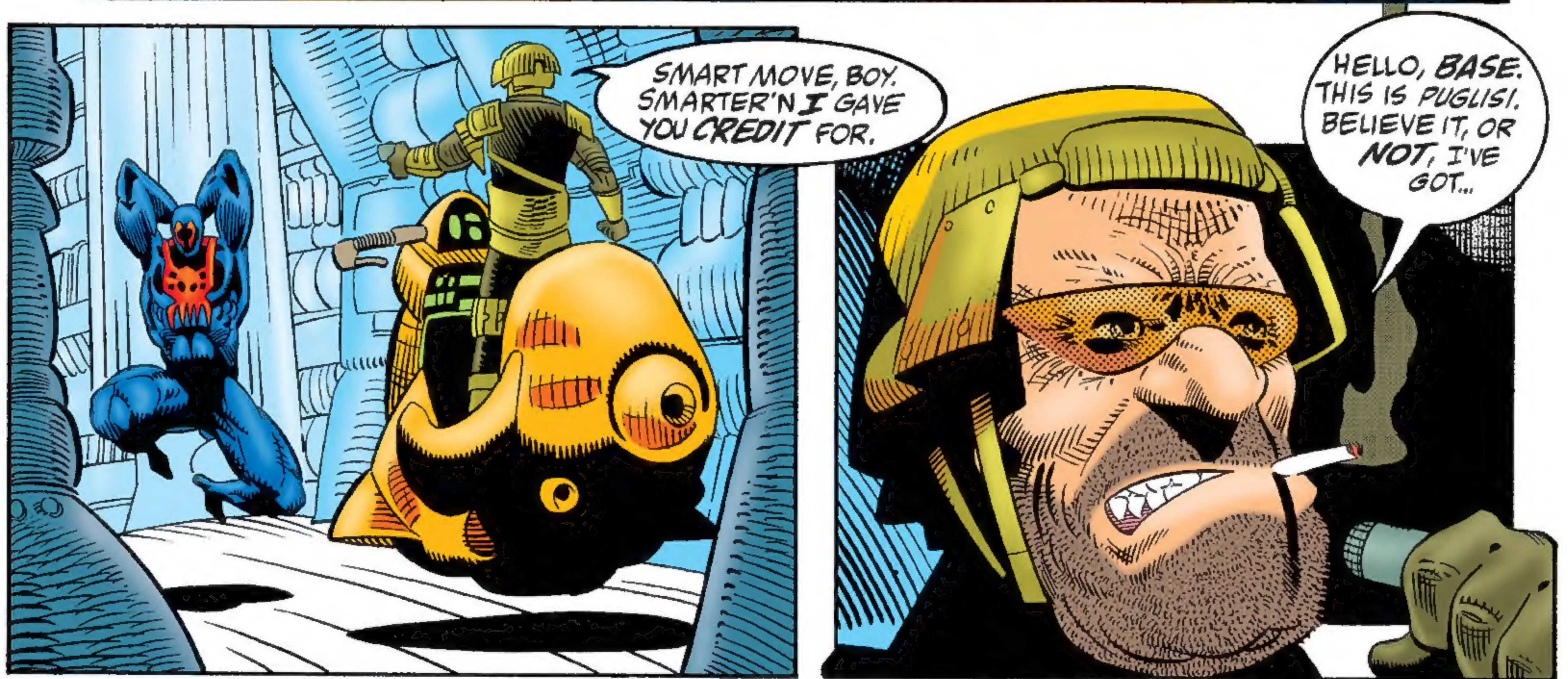
HEY!  
WATCH OUT,  
YOU NUT!

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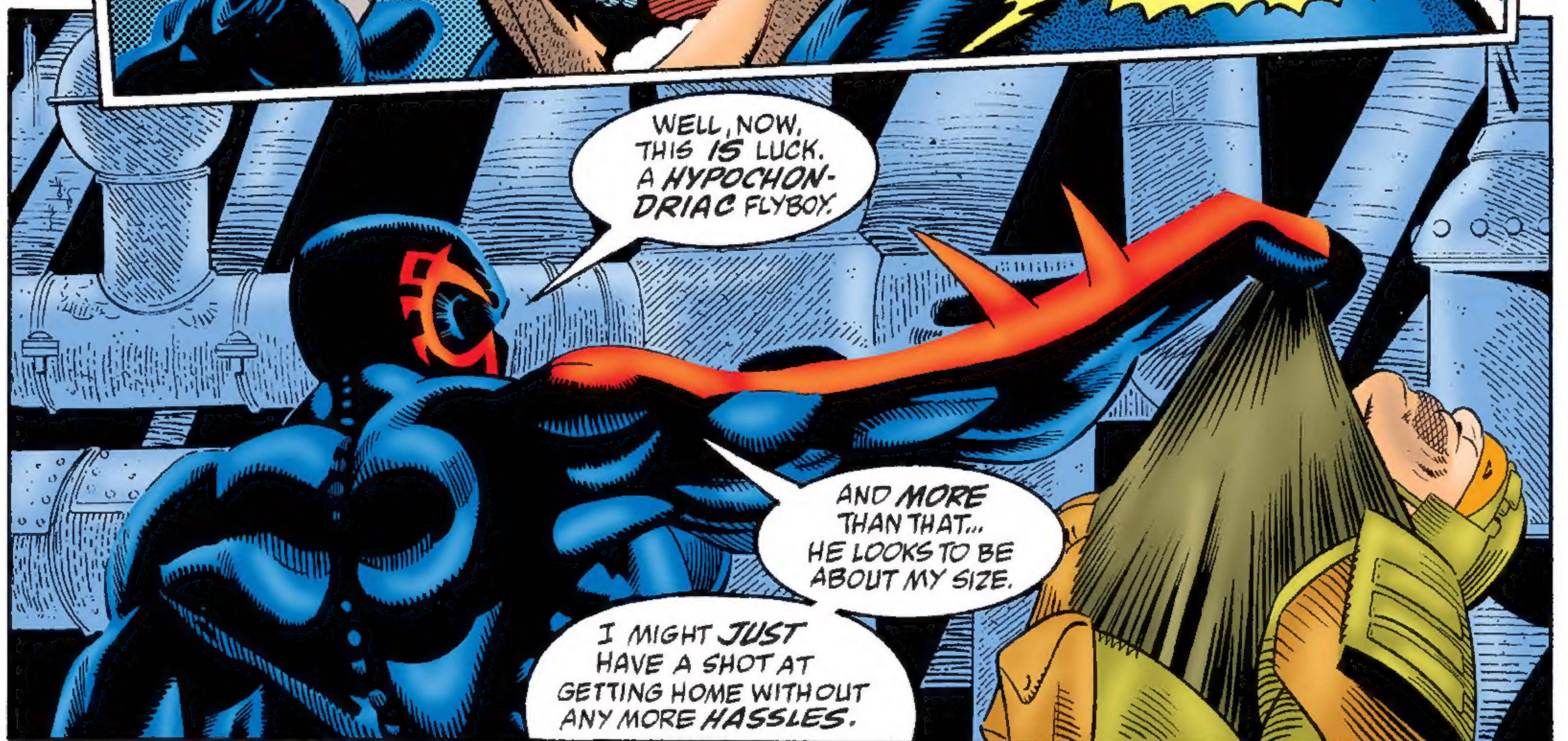
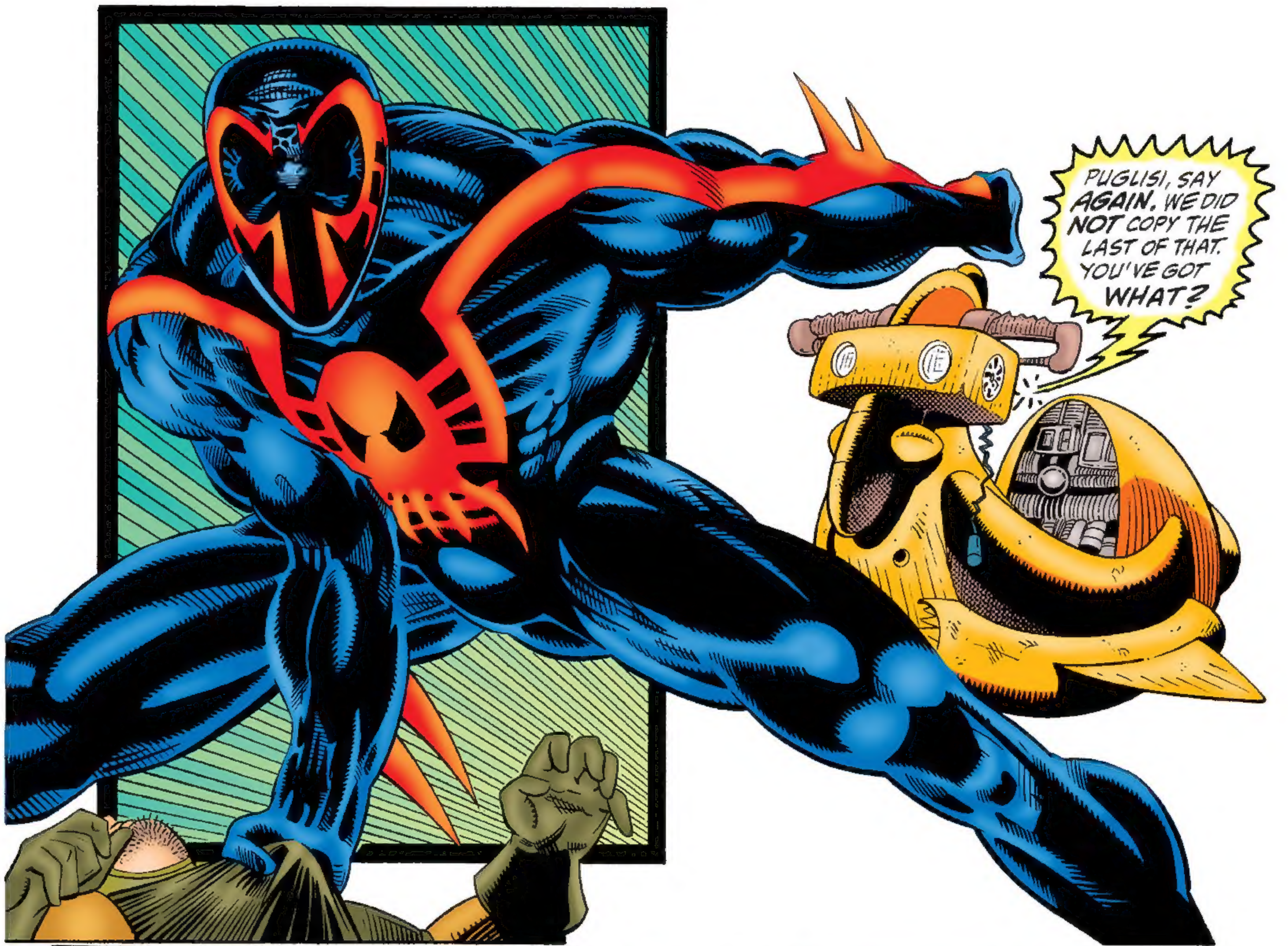




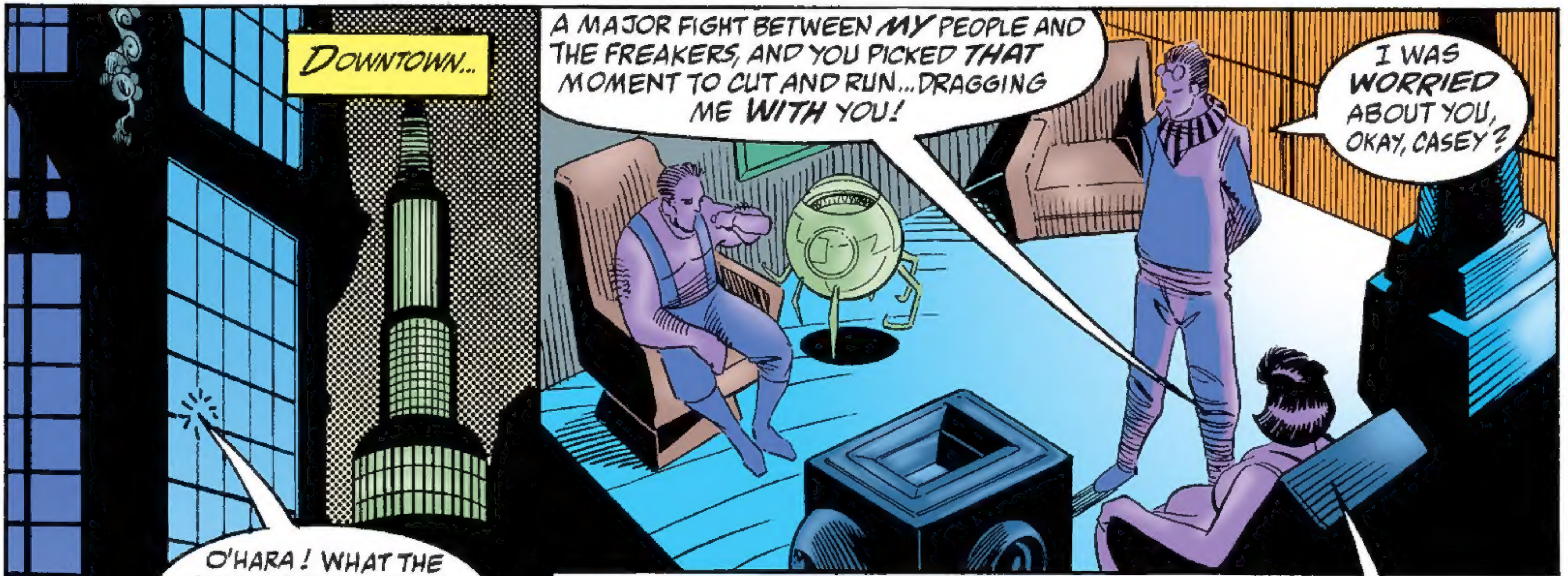












**DOWNTOWN...**

A MAJOR FIGHT BETWEEN MY PEOPLE AND THE FREAKERS, AND YOU PICKED THAT MOMENT TO CUT AND RUN... DRAGGING ME WITH YOU!

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, OKAY, CASEY?

O'HARA! WHAT THE SHOCK DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING? HUH? WERE YOU THINKING?!



NO, IT'S NOT OKAY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

I REALLY WONDER ABOUT YOU, O'HARA, I MEAN, SOMETIMES YOU SHOW THAT YOU'VE GOT REAL POTENTIAL.



BUT OTHER TIMES... I DUNNO. MAYBE YOU TAKE MORE AFTER YOUR SNOT BROTHER, MIGUEL, THAN I THOUGHT YOU DID.

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIM WHEN I WAS ESCAPING FROM ALCHEMAX. HE WAS EVERYTHING YOU SAID HE WAS...

ARROGANT, CONDESCENDING, SMUG. CARED ONLY ABOUT HIMSELF.



WELL, Y'KNOW... MAYBE HE'S NOT AS BAD AS ALL THAT.



WHAT, NOW YOU'RE DEFENDING HIM? WHAT IS IT WITH YOU TODAY, O'HARA?



YOU KNOW WHO **I** WAS IMPRESSED BY. THAT SPIDER-GUY.

I **CAUGHT** A BIT OF IT WHEN HE WAS SLUGGING IT OUT WITH THE FREAKERS, AND THEN WHEN HE WAS TAKING ON THE VULTURE **BEFORE** THEY GOT OUT OF SIGHT.

NOW **THERE'S** A GUY WITH JUICE.

YEAH, YOU'RE NOT **KIDDIN'**, RAFF.

IT'S TAKEN A **WHILE** FOR IT TO SINK IN ON ME THAT HE GOT INTO ALL THIS BECAUSE HE RISKED HIS **LIFE** FOR ME...

...ME, A TOTAL **STRANGER**. HE'S A **GENUINE** CLASS ACT. BRAVE, GUTSY.

MAN, IF WE HAD **HIM** AS PART OF THE THROWBACKS, WE COULD **ROCK** THIS TOWN. AND I GOTTA ADMIT, I JUST **LOVE** A MAN IN BLACK.

ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HAS THE **TIGHTEST** LITTLE...

Uh...

OH, O'HARA, WIPE THAT **SCOWL** OFF YOUR FACE.

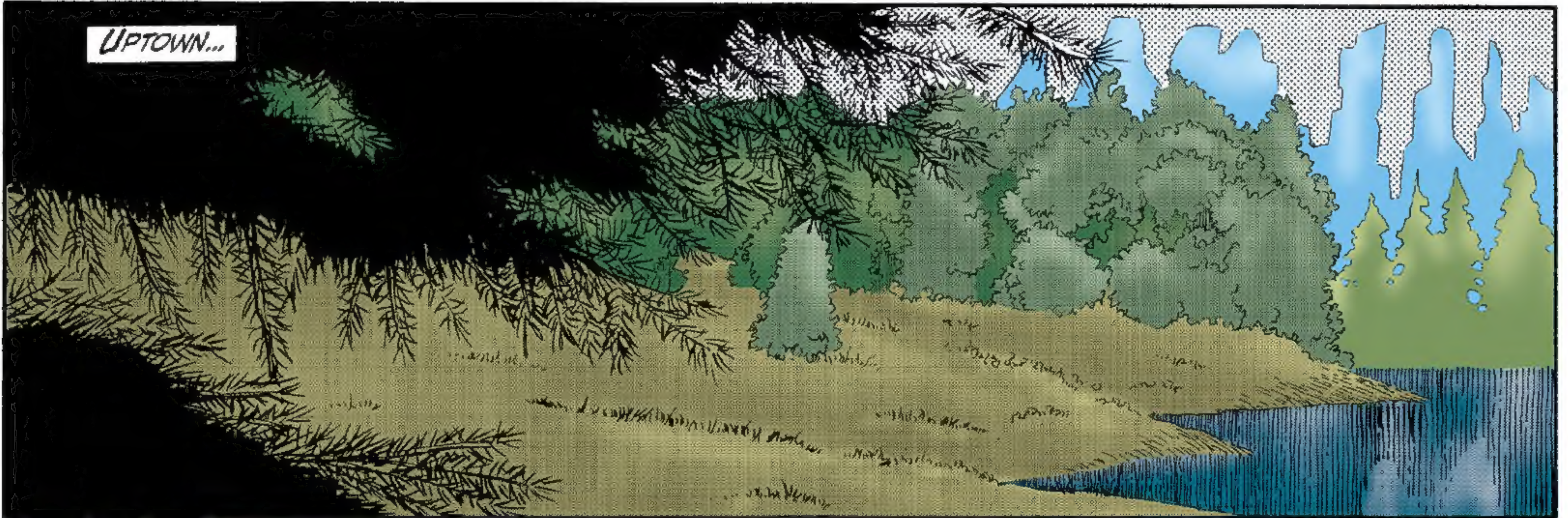
DON'T FEEL **THREATENED** BY SOME HARMLESS FANTASIZING.

I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT HE WAS LIKE **UNDER** THE MASK, THAT'S ALL.

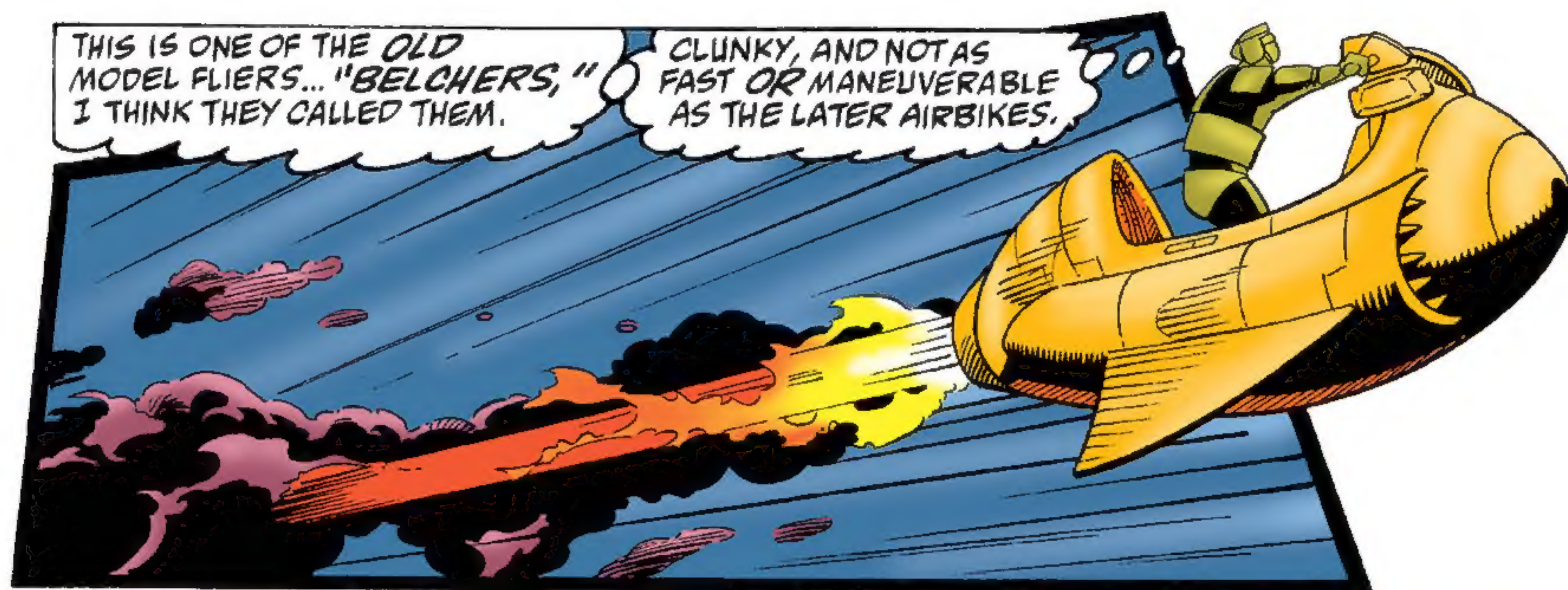
AND, HECK... I'D PROBABLY BE **DISAPPOINTED** IF I FOUND OUT, RIGHT?

YEAH, **RIGHT**.



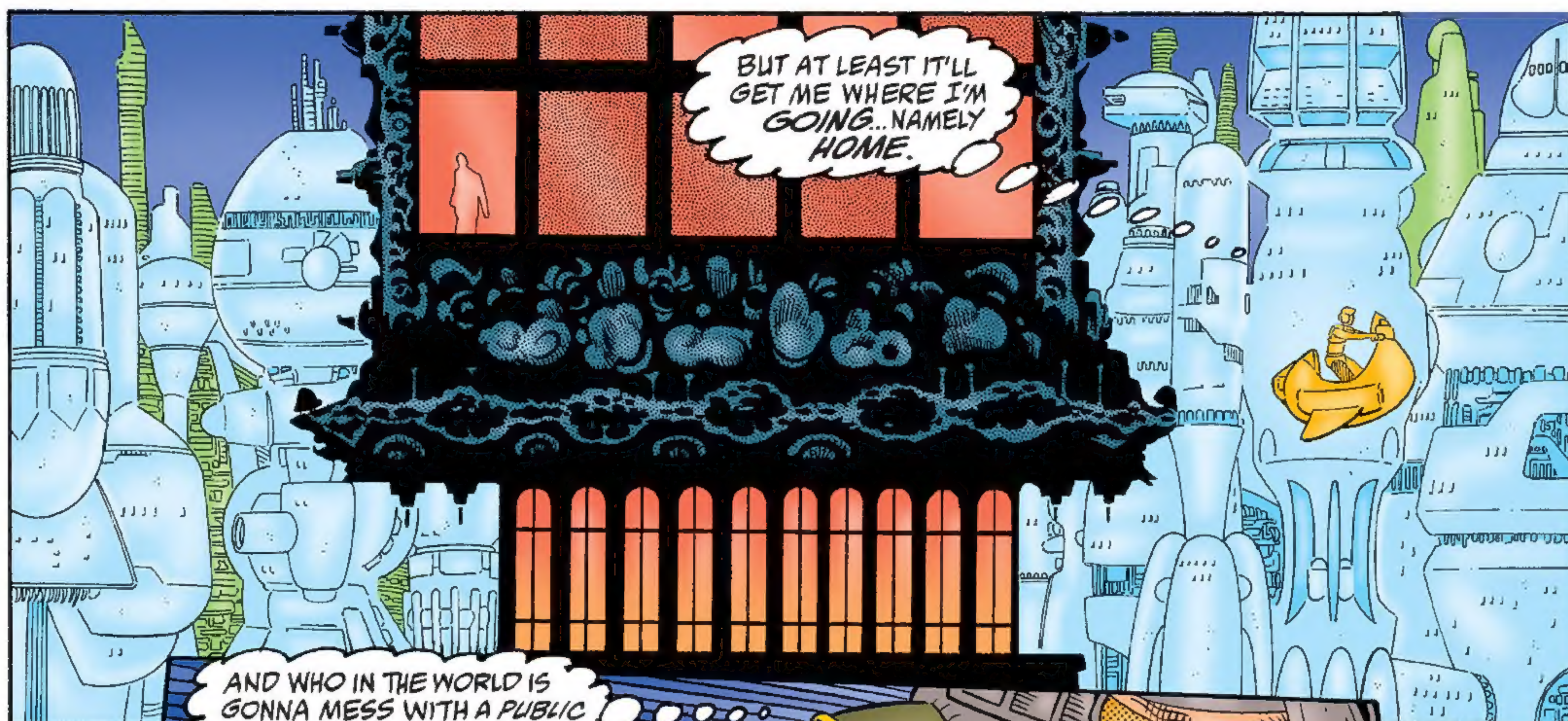




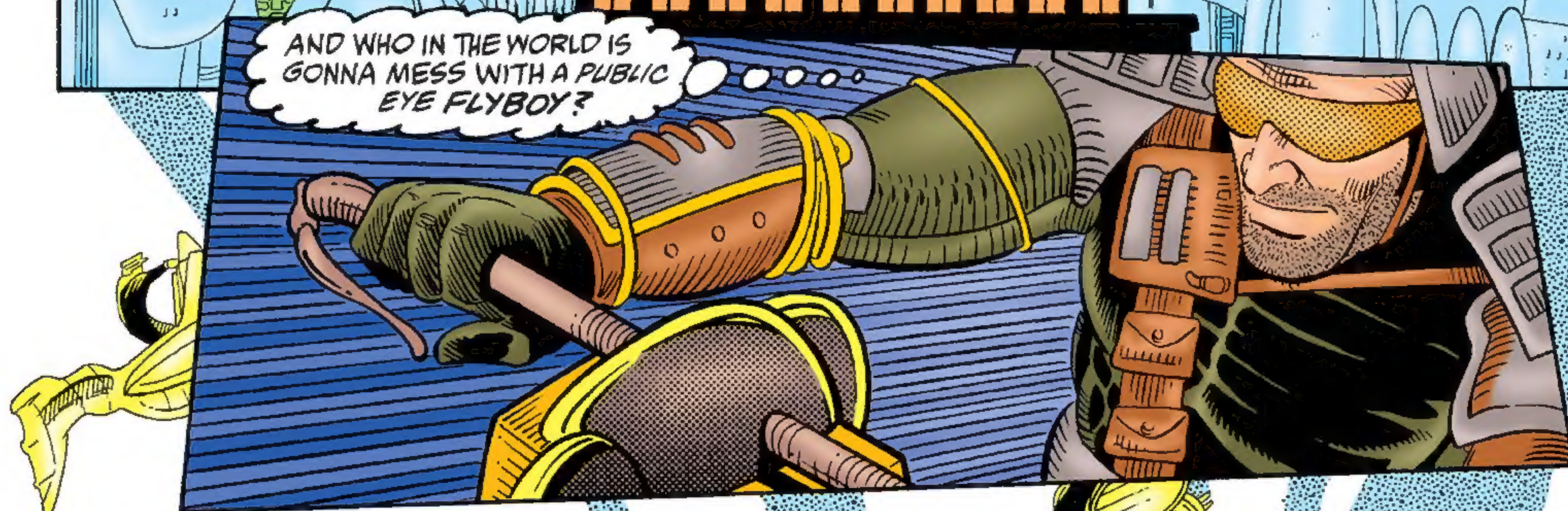


THIS IS ONE OF THE OLD  
MODEL FLIERS... "BELCHERS,"  
I THINK THEY CALLED THEM.

CLUNKY, AND NOT AS  
FAST OR MANEUVERABLE  
AS THE LATER AIRBIKES.



BUT AT LEAST IT'LL  
GET ME WHERE I'M  
GOING.. NAMELY  
HOME.



AND WHO IN THE WORLD IS  
GONNA MESS WITH A PUBLIC  
EYE FLYBOY?



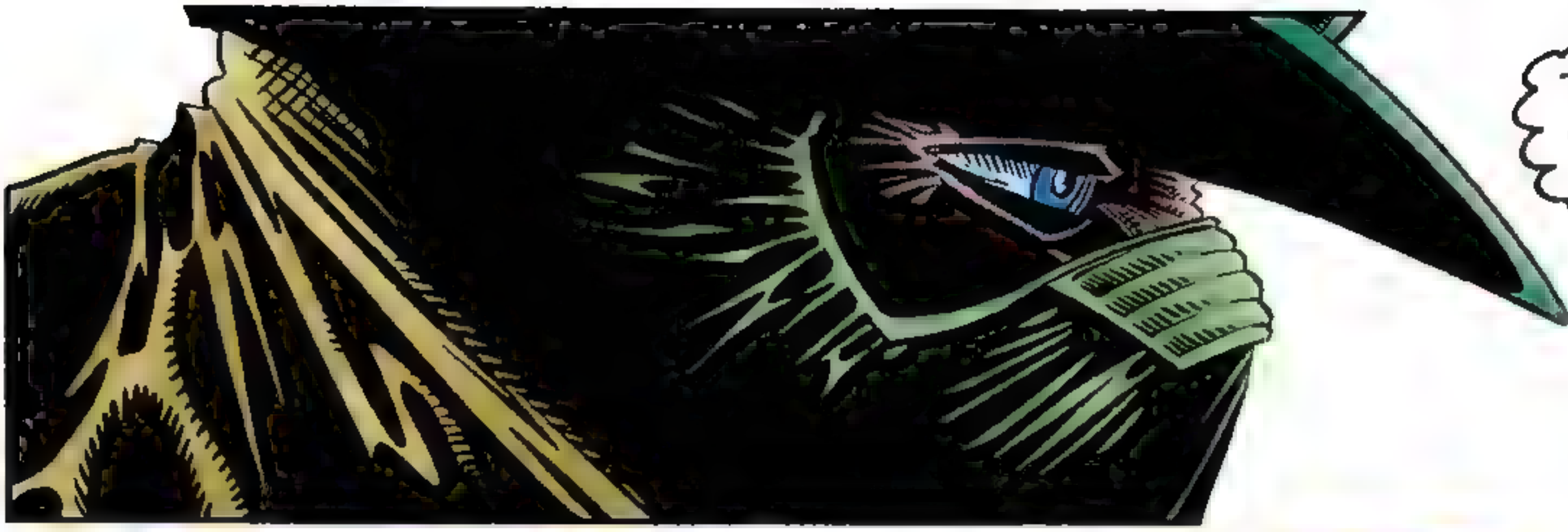
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HUH?!!

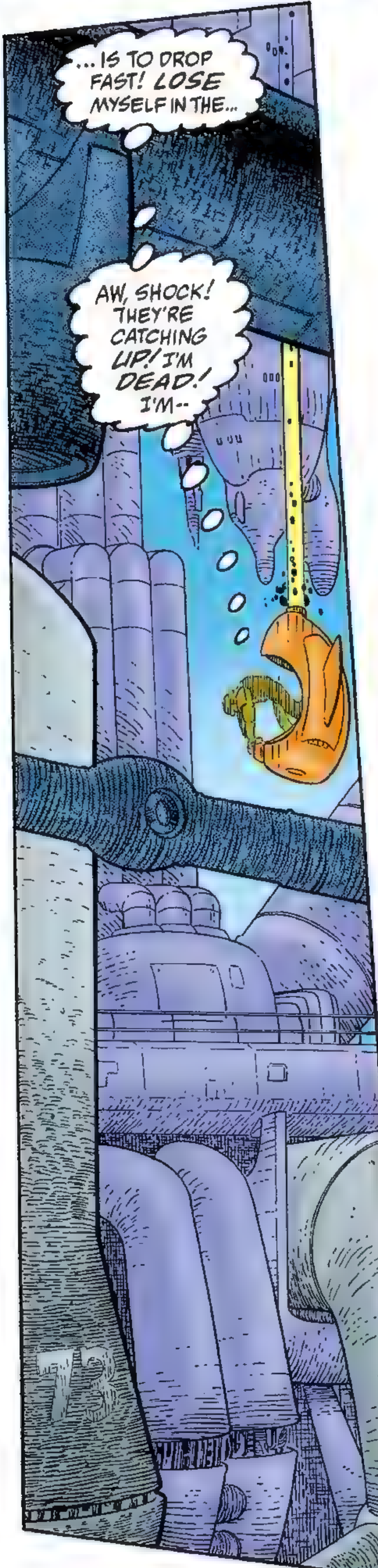
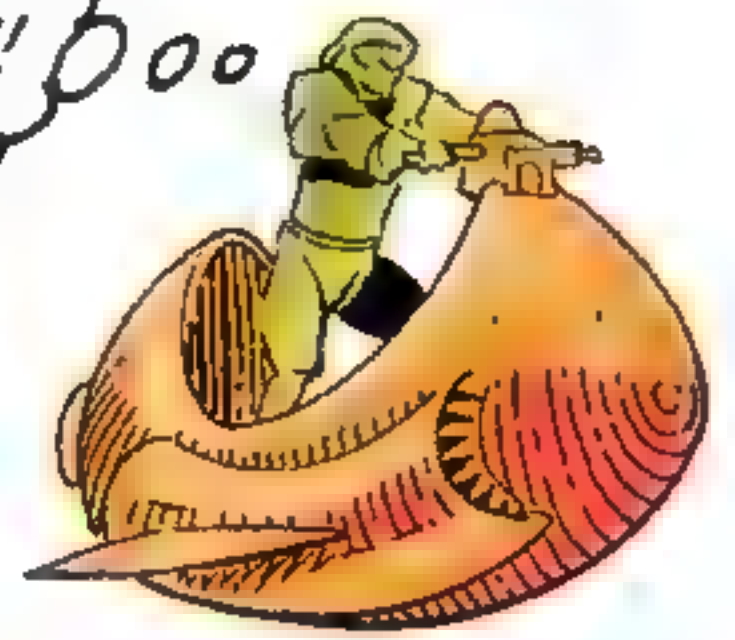
WHERE'D ALL THESE  
OTHER  
FLYBOYS  
COME  
FROM?!

WE'RE  
GONNA NAIL  
SPIDER-MAN!



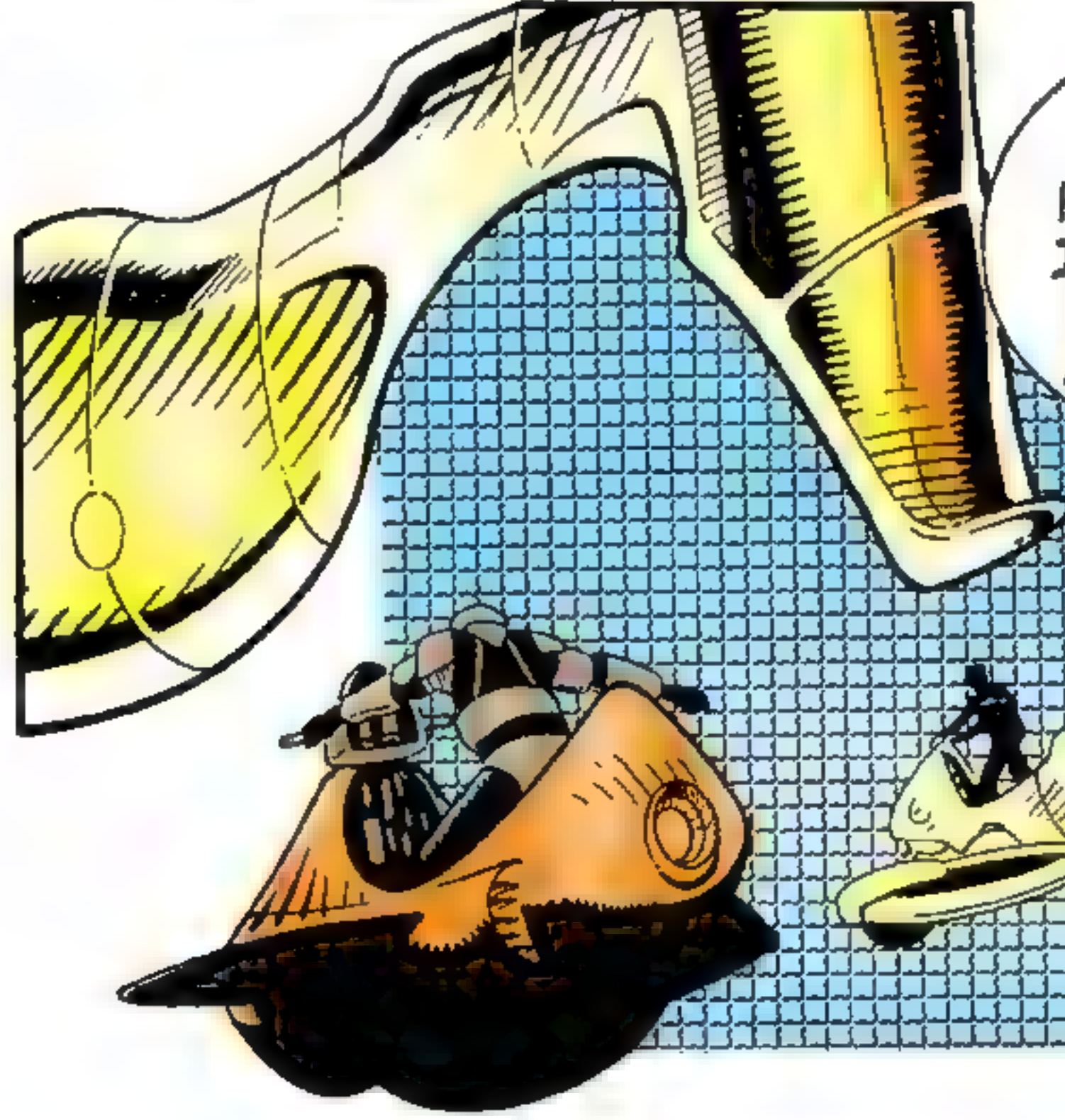


THEY FIGURED IT  
OUT SOMEHOW!!  
ONLY HOPE...



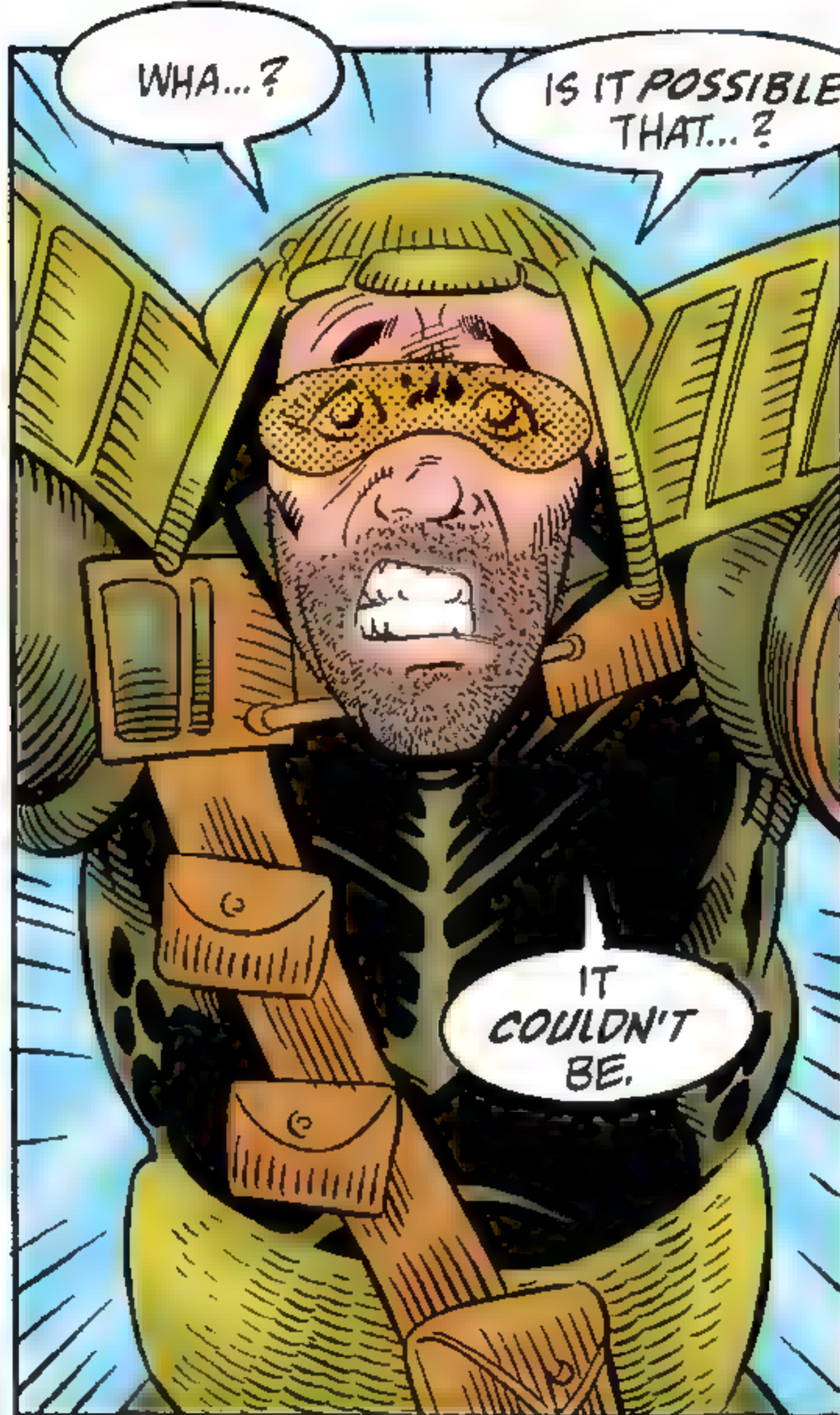
...IS TO DROP  
FAST! LOSE  
MYSELF IN THE...

AW, SHOCK!  
THEY'RE  
CATCHING  
UP! I'M  
DEAD!  
I'M--



PUGLISI!  
THAT'S THE  
KIND OF SPIRIT  
I'D LIKE TO SEE  
OUT OF YOU  
MORE OFTEN!

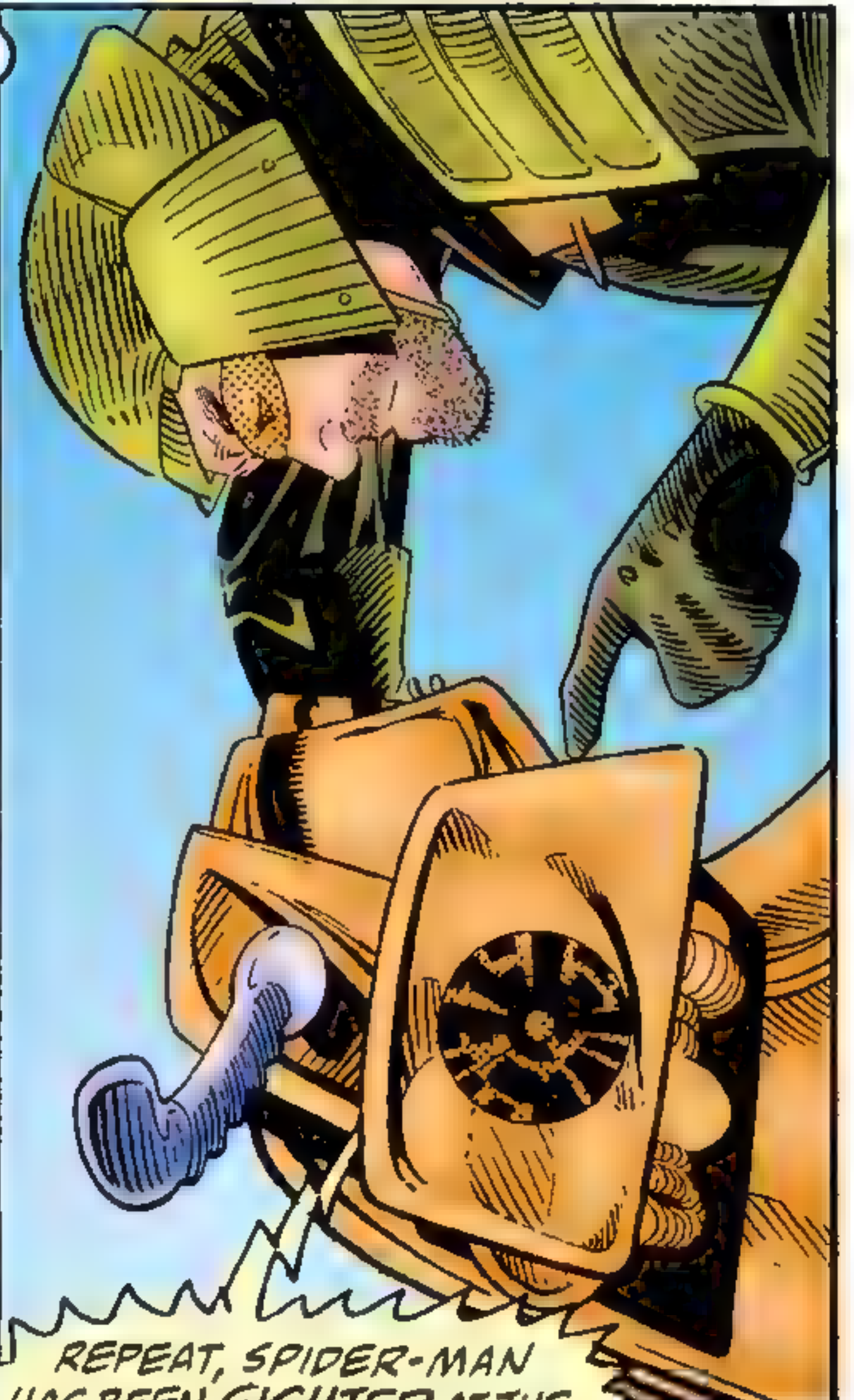
CHARGING STRAIGHT  
INTO A FIGHT! LEAD THE  
WAY TO THE MALL!



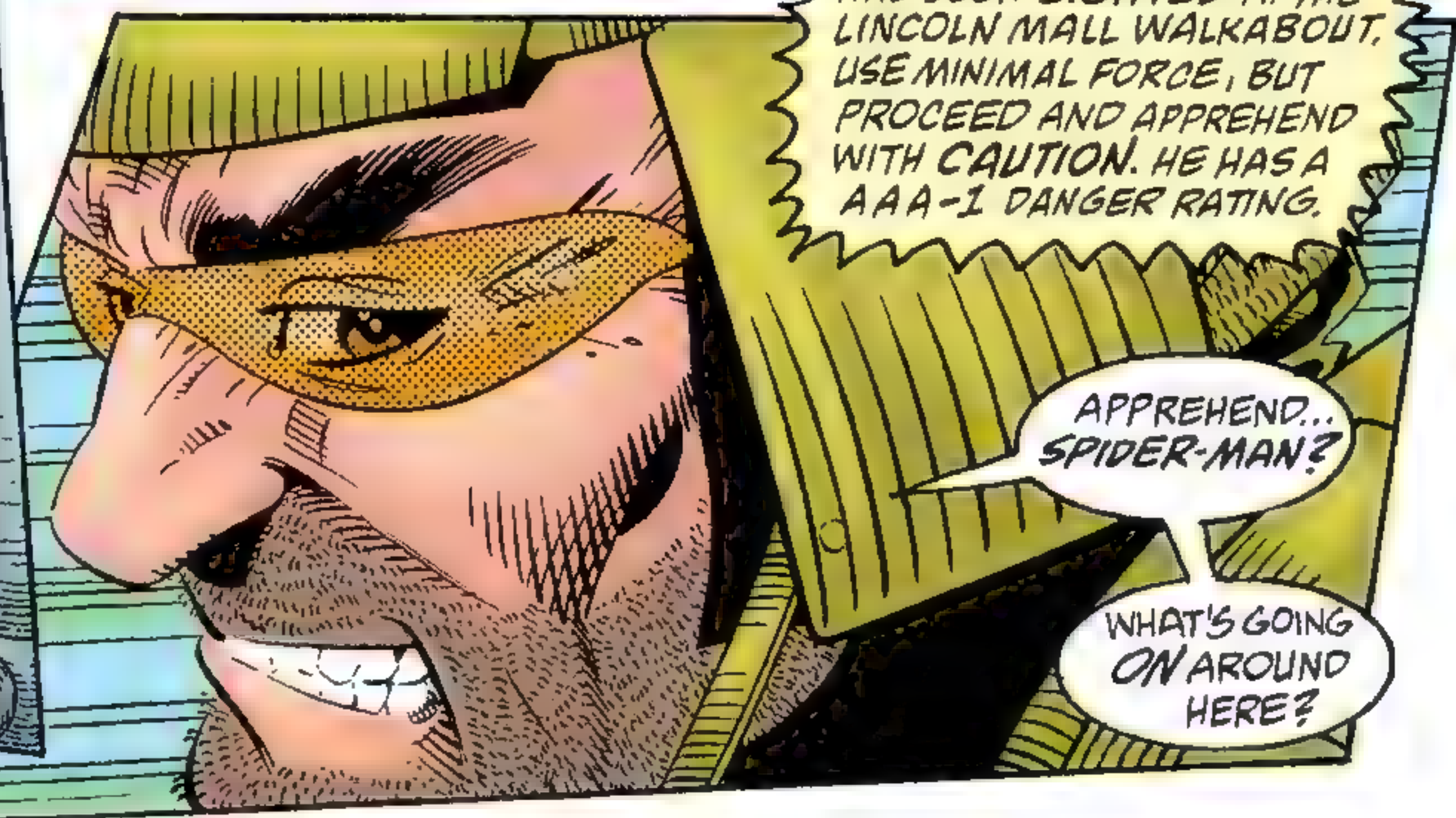
WHA...?

IS IT POSSIBLE  
THAT...?

IT  
COULDN'T  
BE.



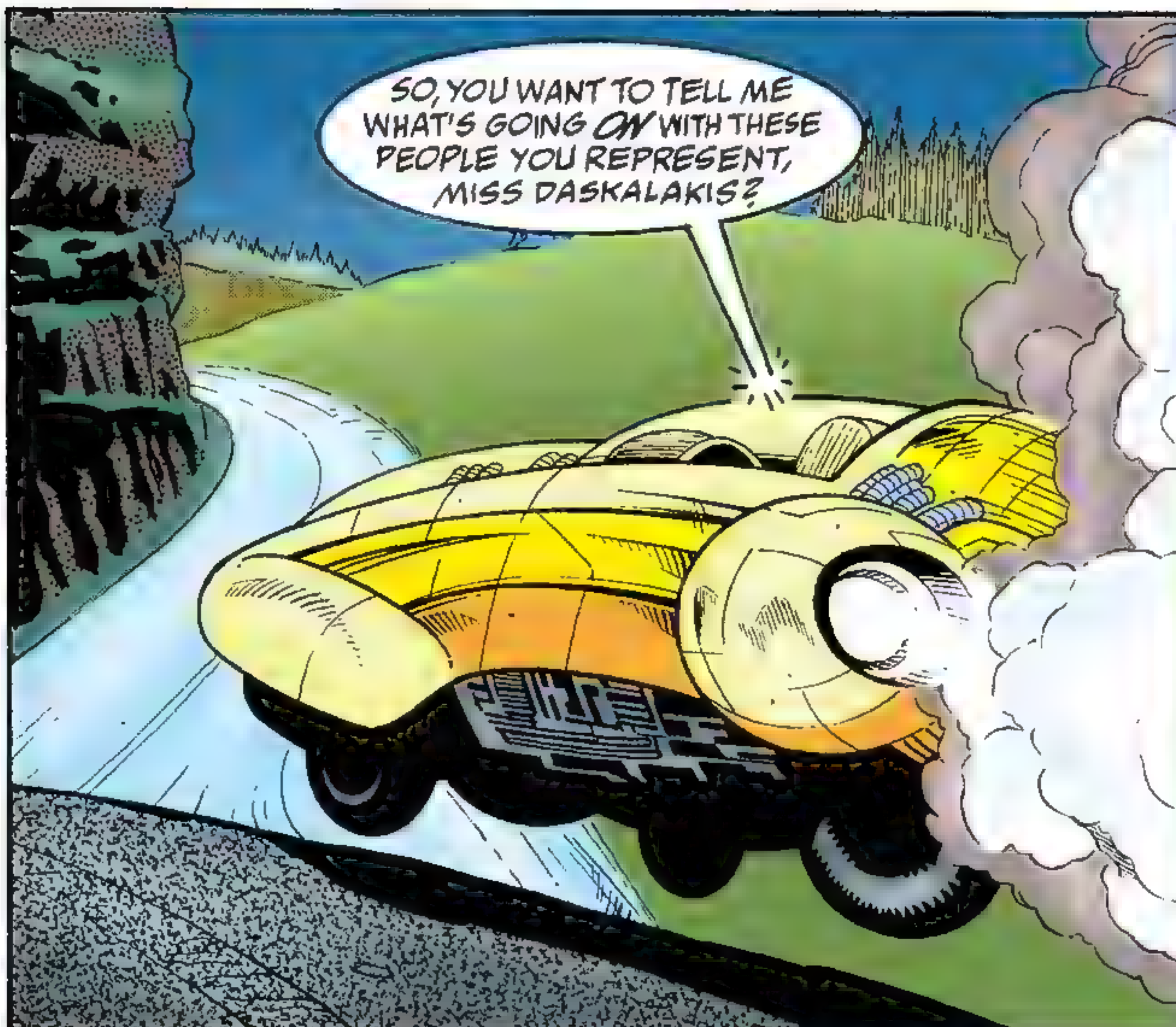
REPEAT, SPIDER-MAN  
HAS BEEN SIGHTED AT THE  
LINCOLN MALL WALKABOUT.  
USE MINIMAL FORCE, BUT  
PROCEED AND APPREHEND  
WITH CAUTION. HE HAS A  
AAA-1 DANGER RATING.



APPREHEND...  
SPIDER-MAN?

WHAT'S GOING  
ON AROUND  
HERE?

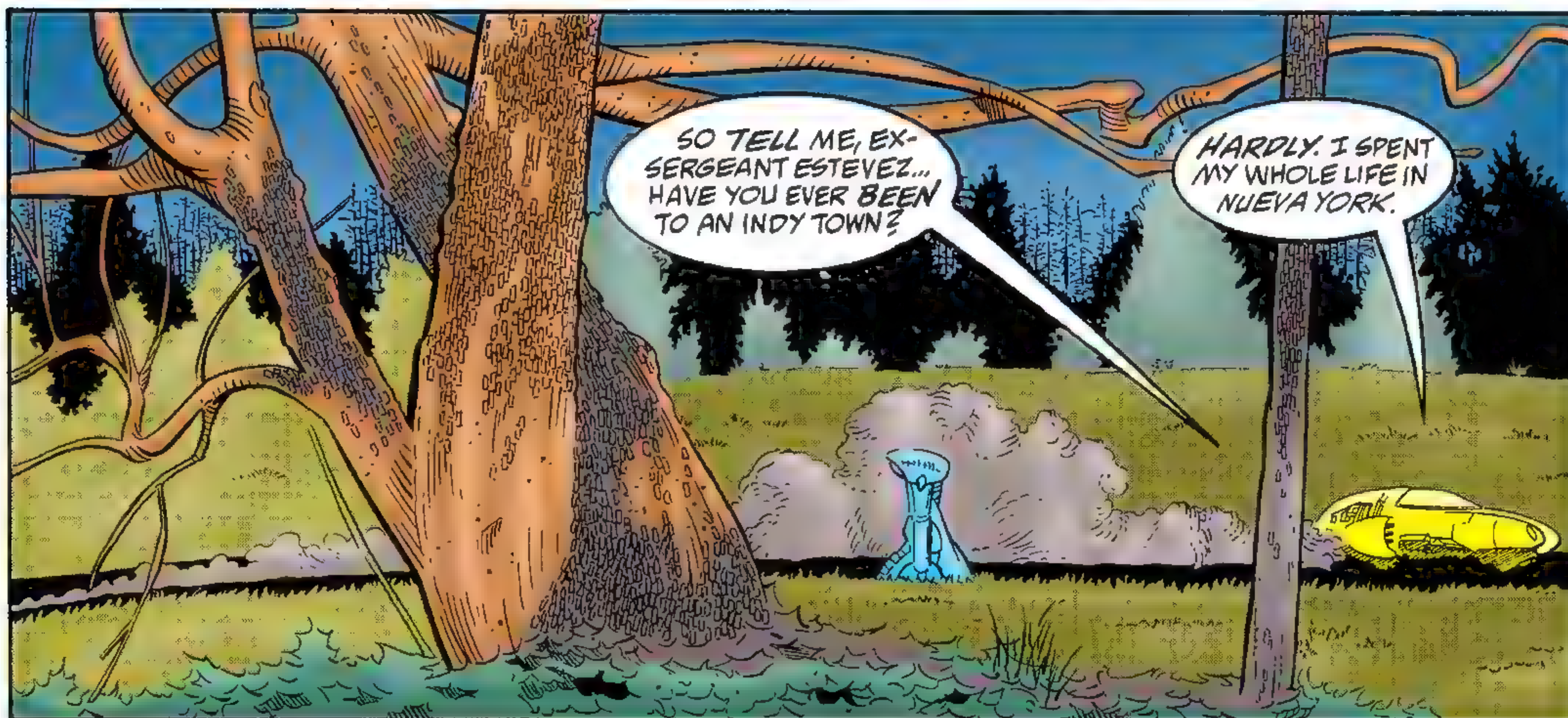




SO, YOU WANT TO TELL ME  
WHAT'S GOING *ON* WITH THESE  
PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT,  
MISS DASKALAKIS?

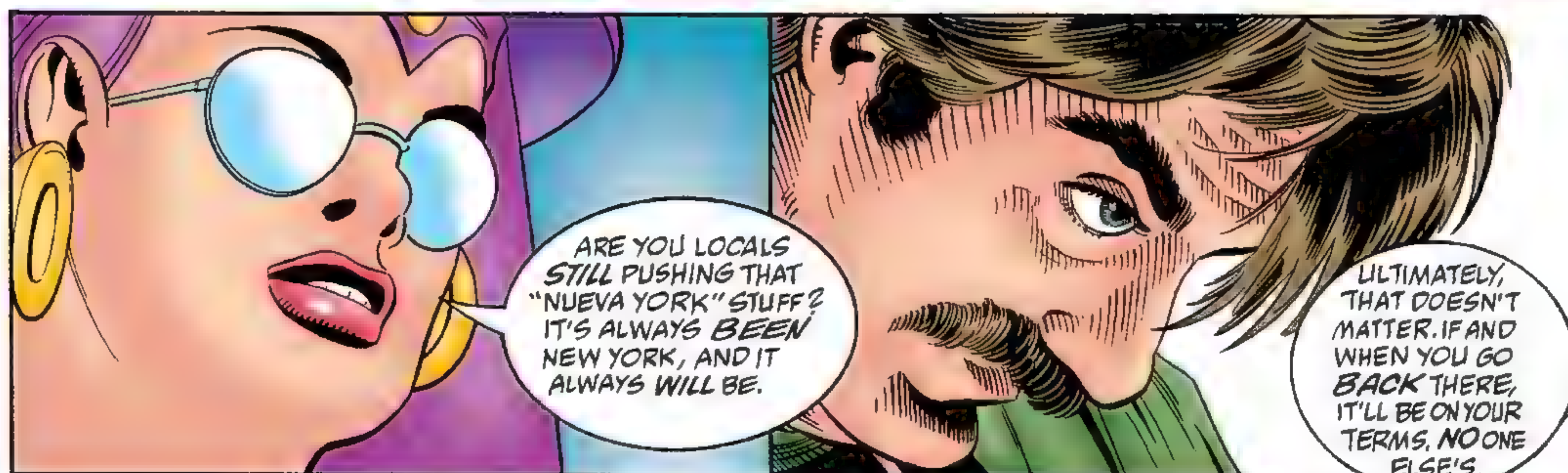


OHHHH...  
IN A BIT.



SO TELL ME, EX-  
SERGEANT ESTEVEZ...  
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN  
TO AN INDY TOWN?

HARDLY. I SPENT  
MY WHOLE LIFE IN  
NUEVA YORK.



ARE YOU LOCALS  
STILL PUSHING THAT  
"NUEVA YORK" STUFF?  
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN  
NEW YORK, AND IT  
ALWAYS WILL BE.

ULTIMATELY,  
THAT DOESN'T  
MATTER. IF AND  
WHEN YOU GO  
BACK THERE,  
IT'LL BE ON YOUR  
TERMS, NO ONE  
ELSE'S.



YOU CAN CALL IT  
NEW YORK...  
NUEVA YORK...

...RICOVILLE,  
IF YOU'VE A  
MIND TO.



SO FAR, ALCHEMAX HAS LEFT US ALONE. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING THEY REALLY WANTED.

BUT RECENTLY WE'VE MADE SOME MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS IN CROSS-DIMENSIONAL QUANTUM THEORIES. IT COULD EVEN MEAN CRACKING THE LIGHT BARRIER...

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING NIGHTSHADE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

...RECAPTURING SOME OF THE TECH THAT WAS LOST DURING THE CATASTROPHE AT THE END OF THE HEROIC AGE.

WHEN ALCHEMAX CATCHES WIND OF IT, YOU CAN BET THEY'LL TRY A HOSTILE TAKEOVER. WE HAVE TO BE READY TO DEFEND OURSELVES... AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN.

COUNT ME IN, MISS DASKALAKIS. AFTER WHAT THEY DID TO ME, I DON'T OWE THEM ANYTHING.

I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT. AND, PLEASE, RICO... CALL ME ANGELA.

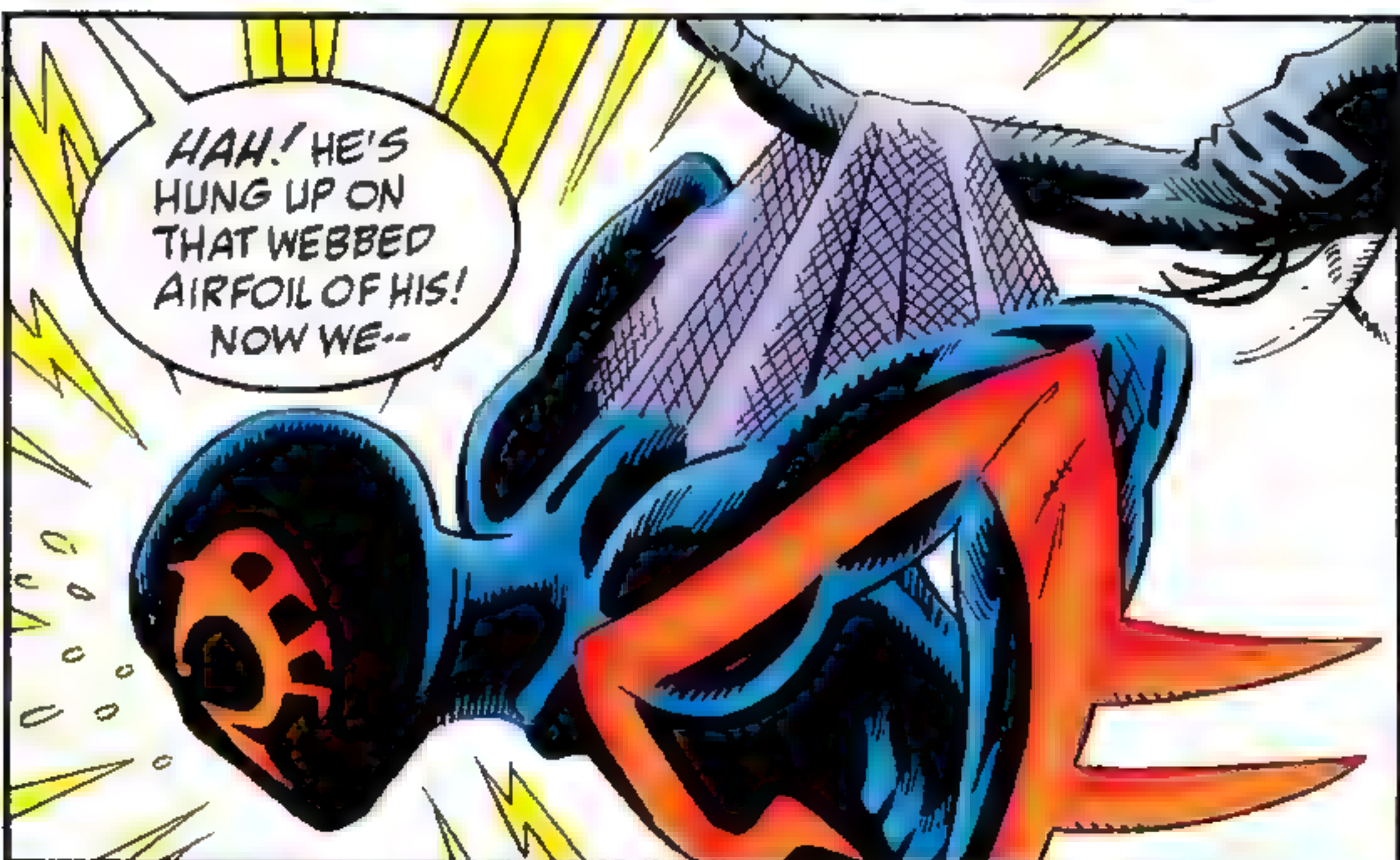
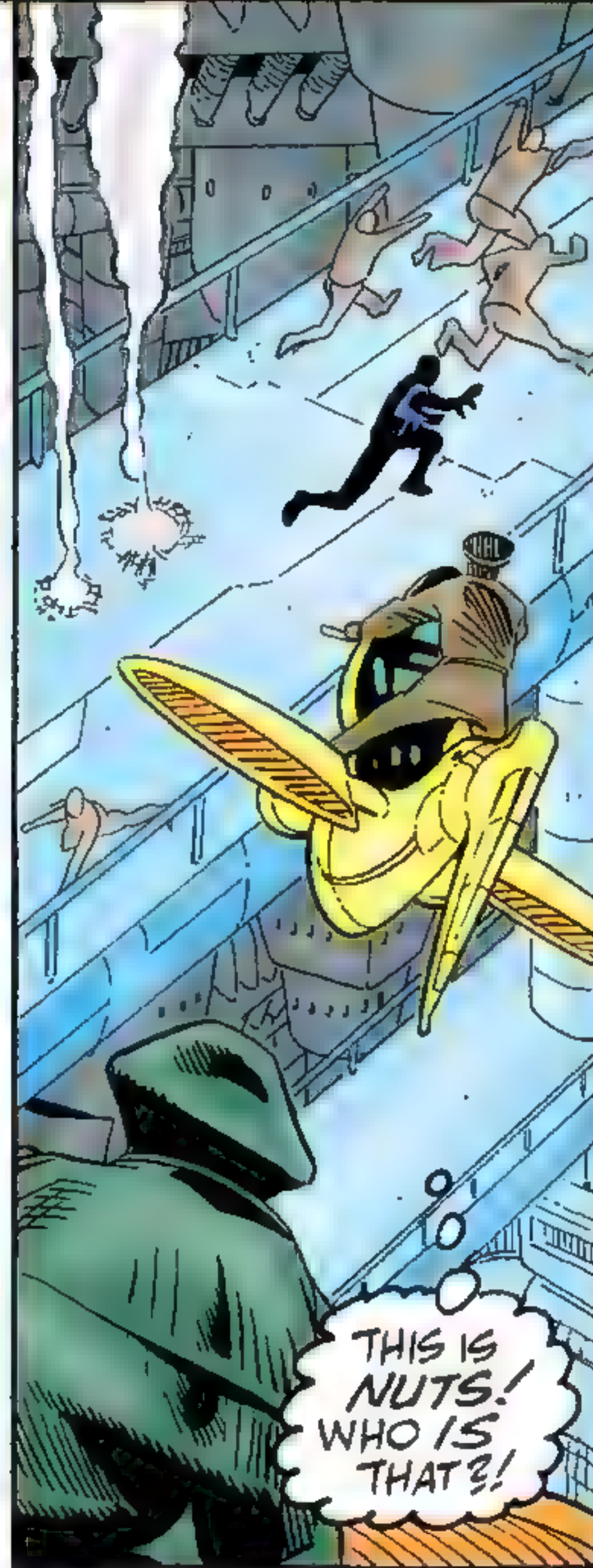
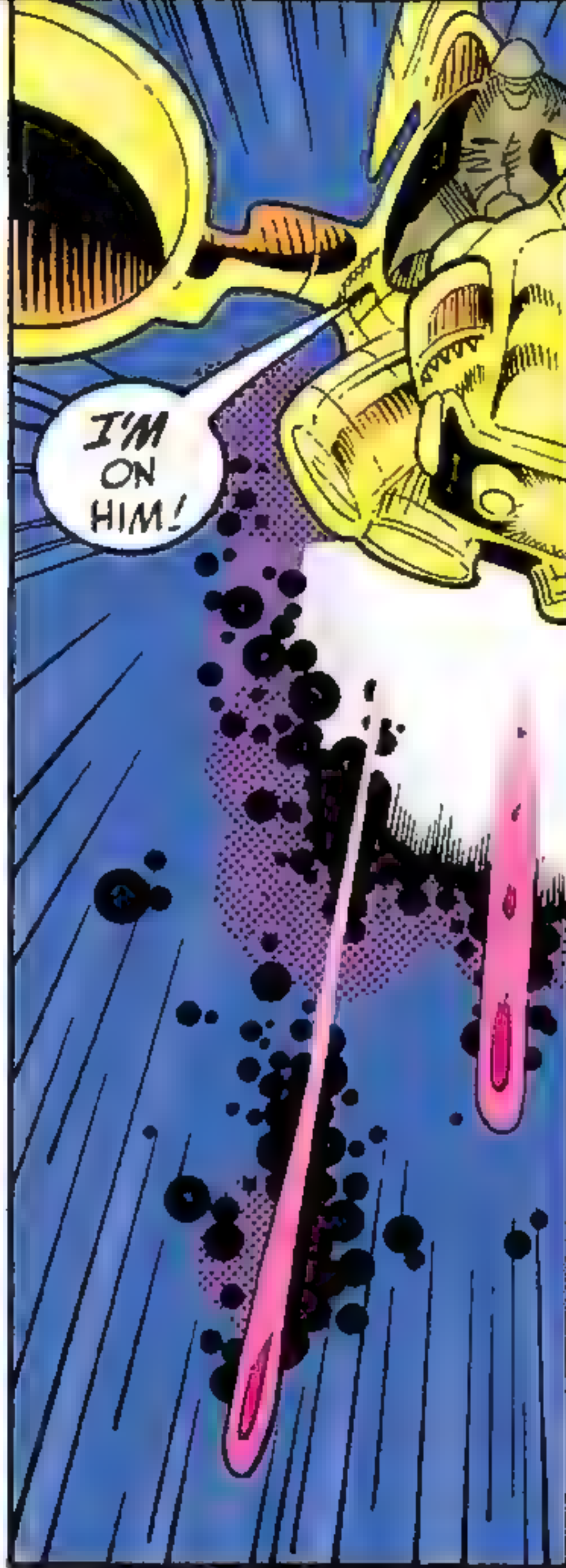
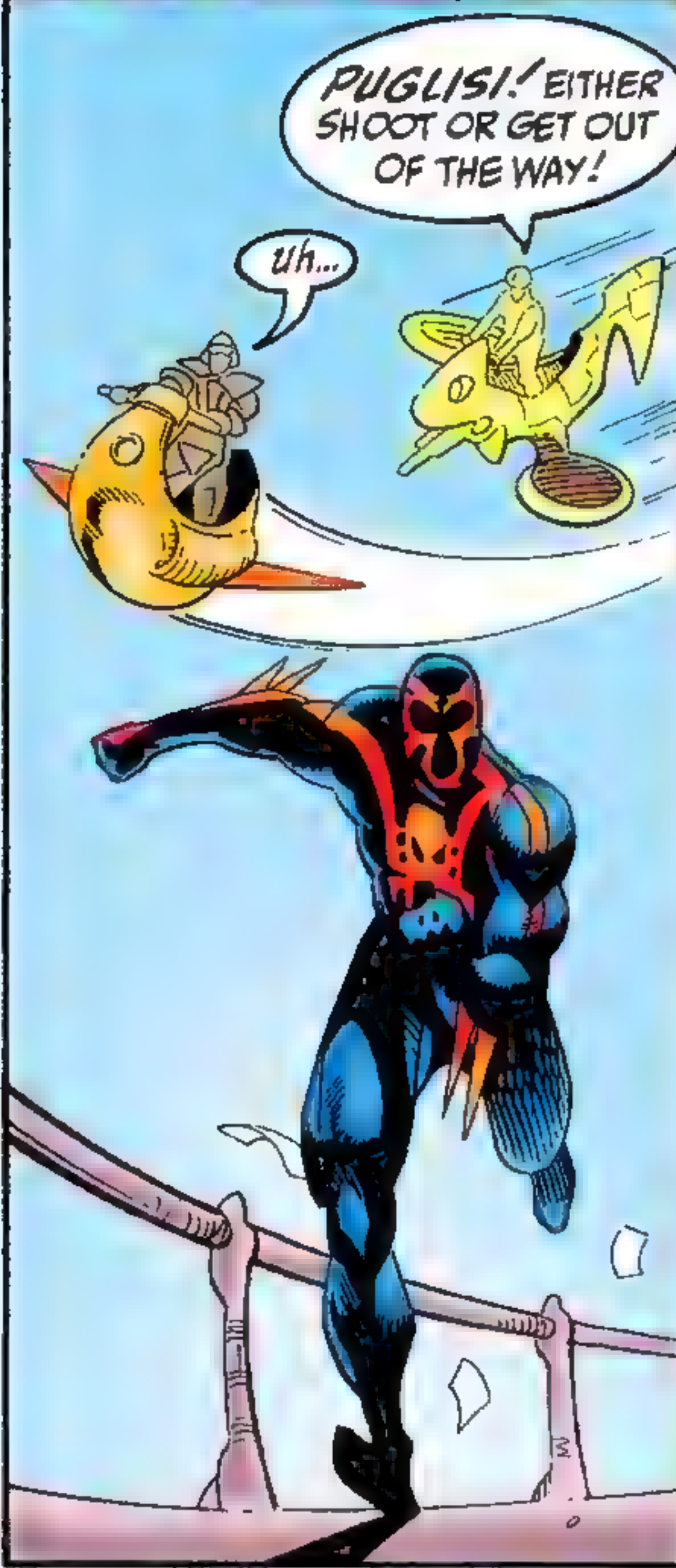
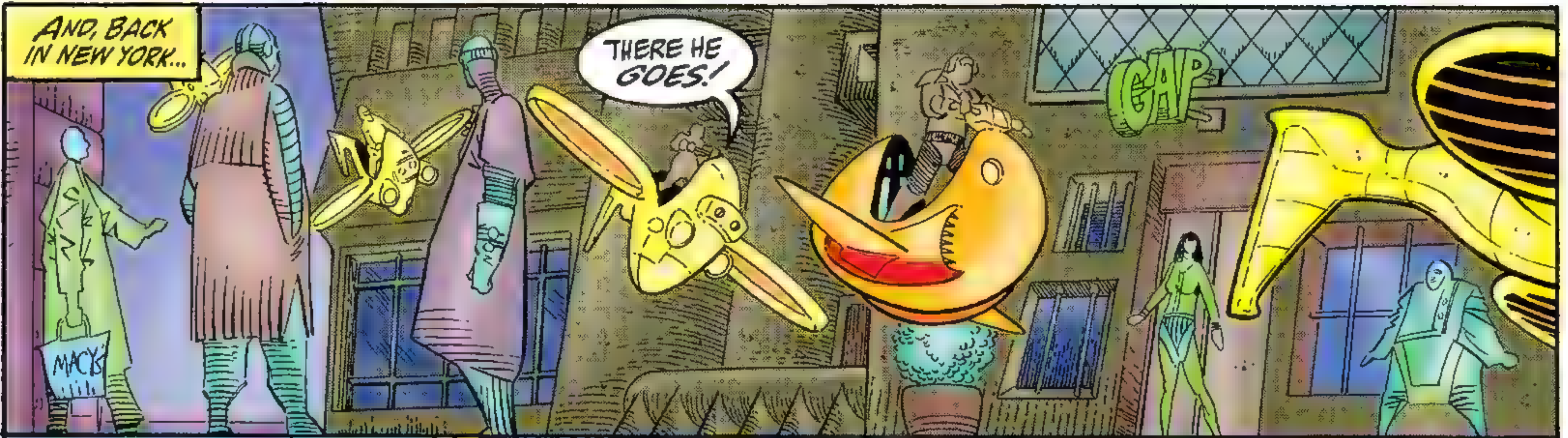
GOOD. I WAS BREAKING MY TONGUE ON YOUR LAST NAME.

FINAL CHANCE TO BACK OUT, RICO.

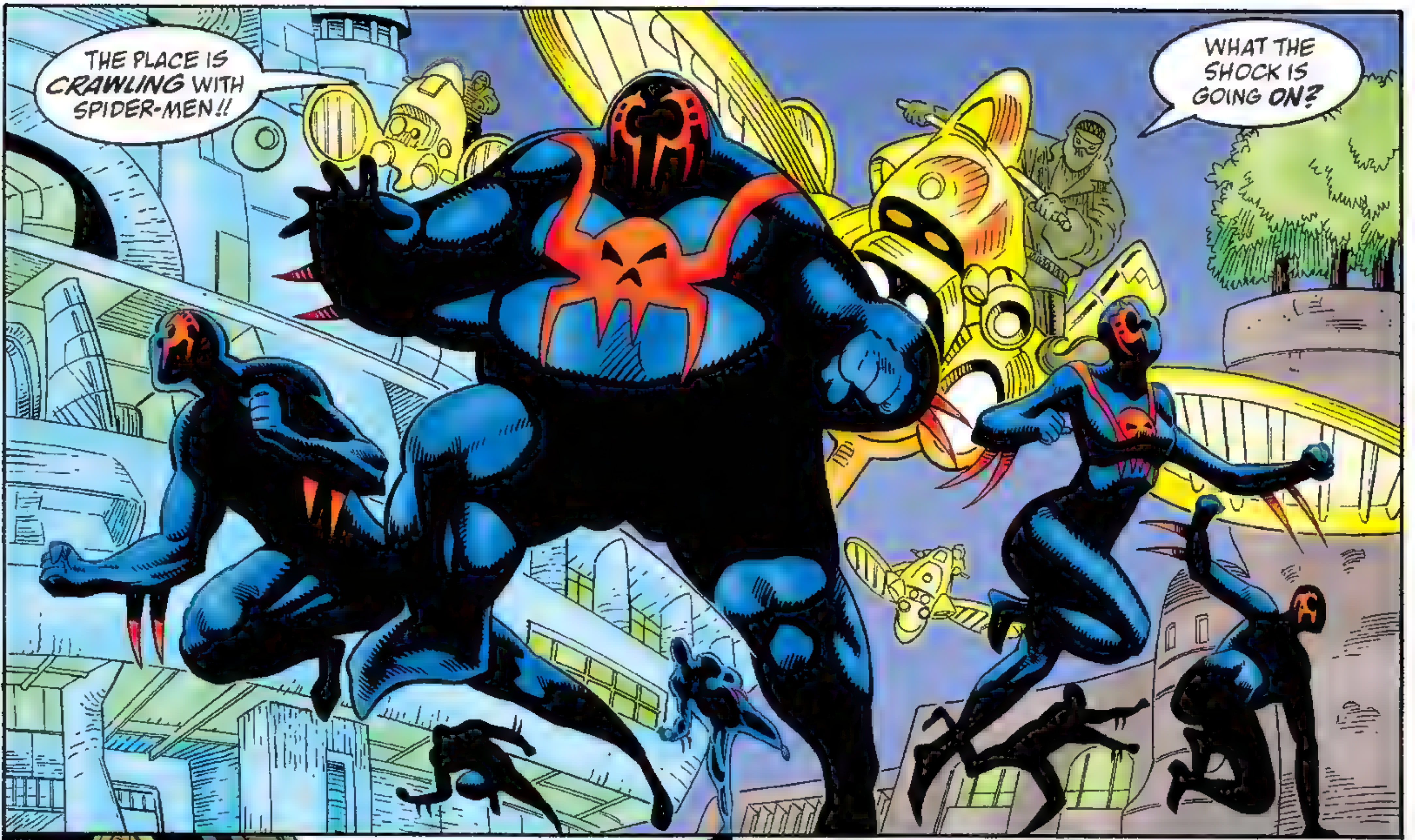
ARE YOU READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

ANGELA, I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.













GET DOWN  
HERE, BOY!  
NOW!



I SAID  
NOW!



I'VE SEEN  
SPIDER-MAN  
IN ACTION, AND  
COMPARED TO  
HIM, YOU GOT  
THE SPEED OF  
CURDLED  
MILK.

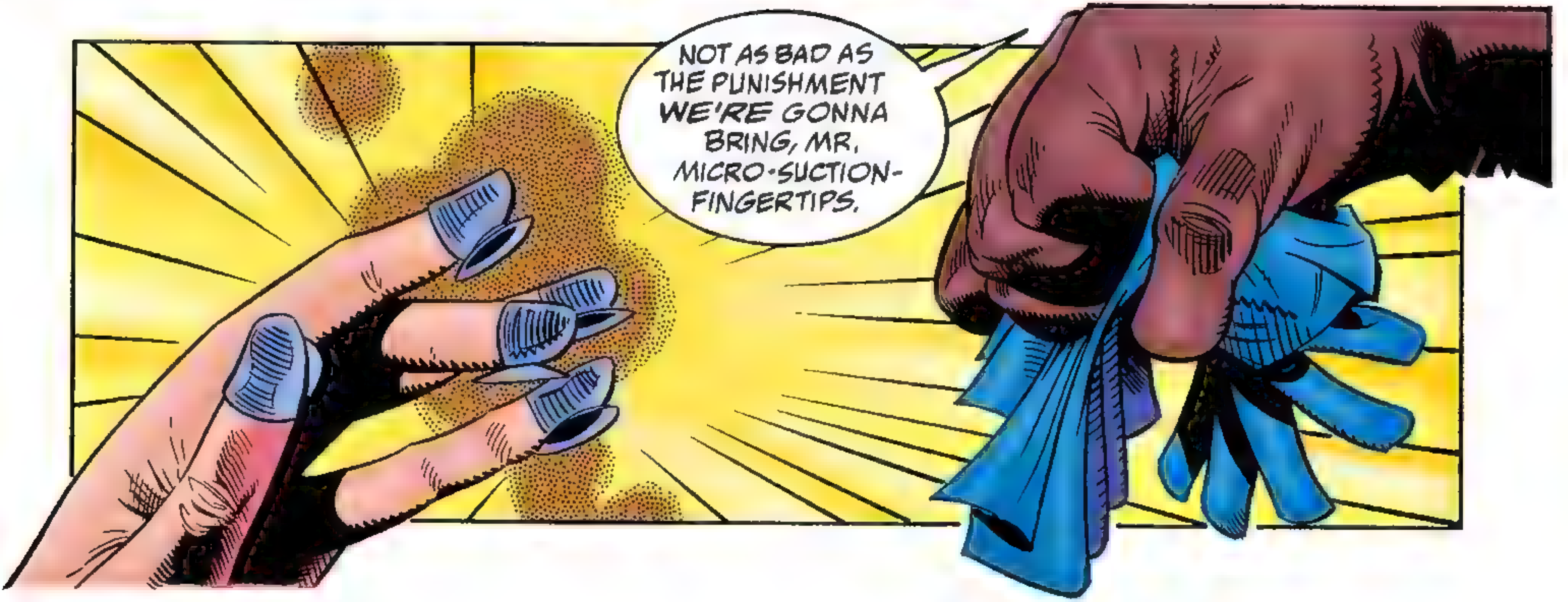
WHO  
ARE  
YOU?



I SPREAD THE WORD OF  
SPIDER-MAN!

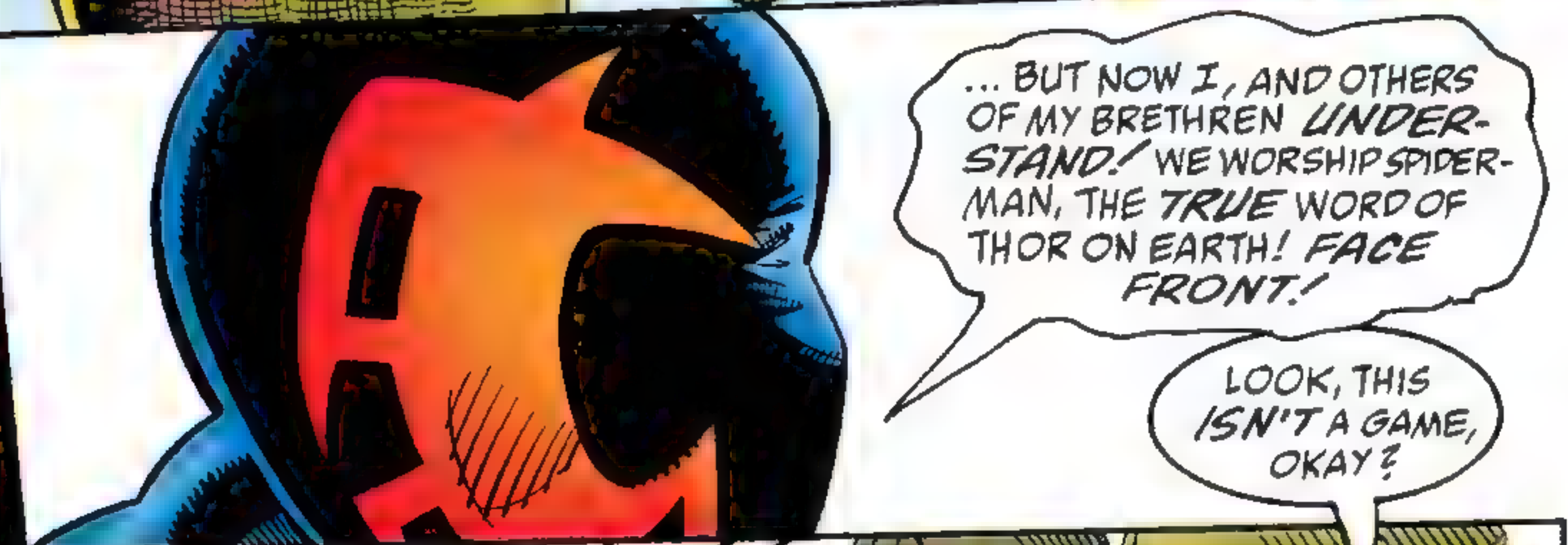
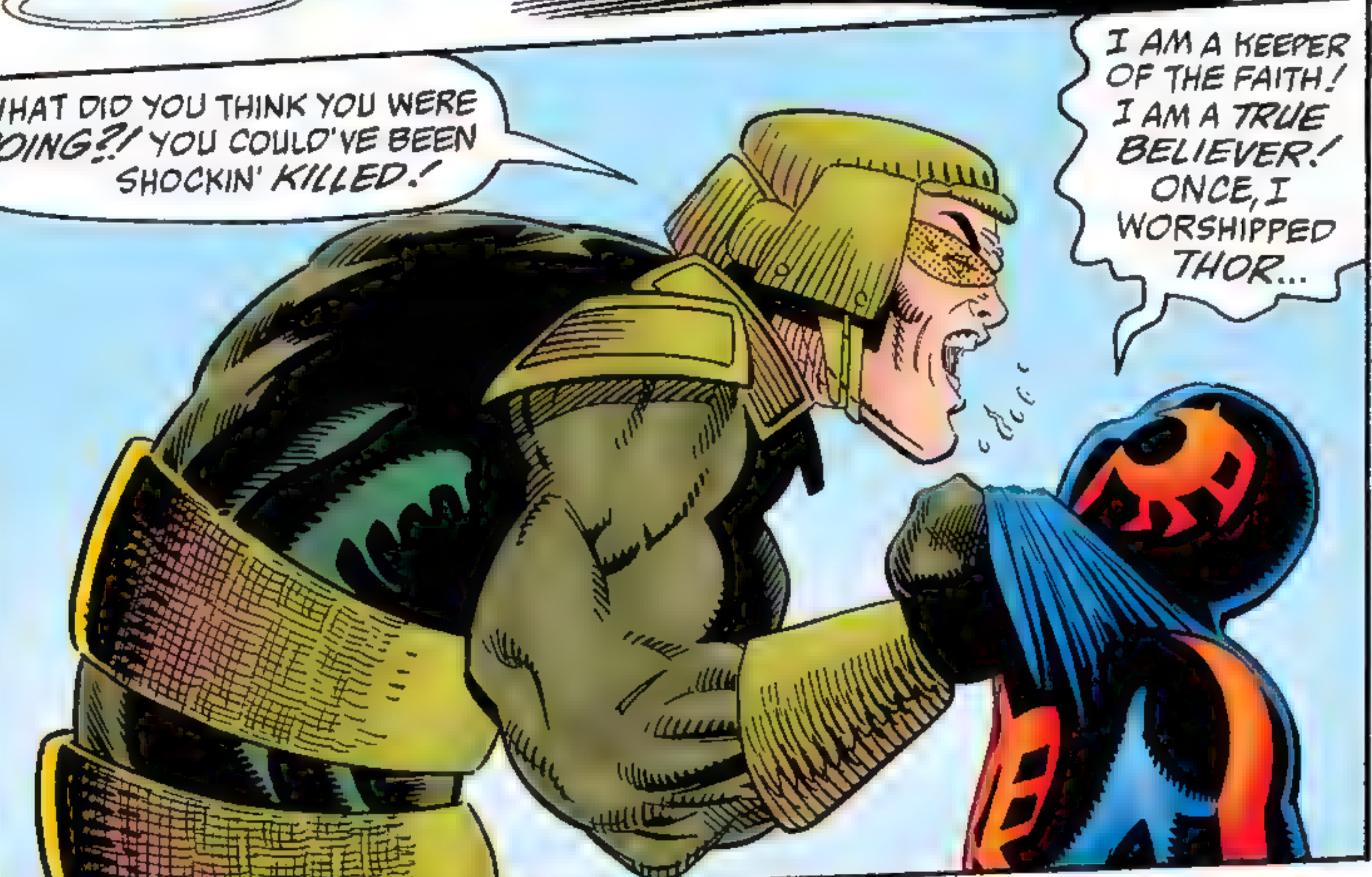
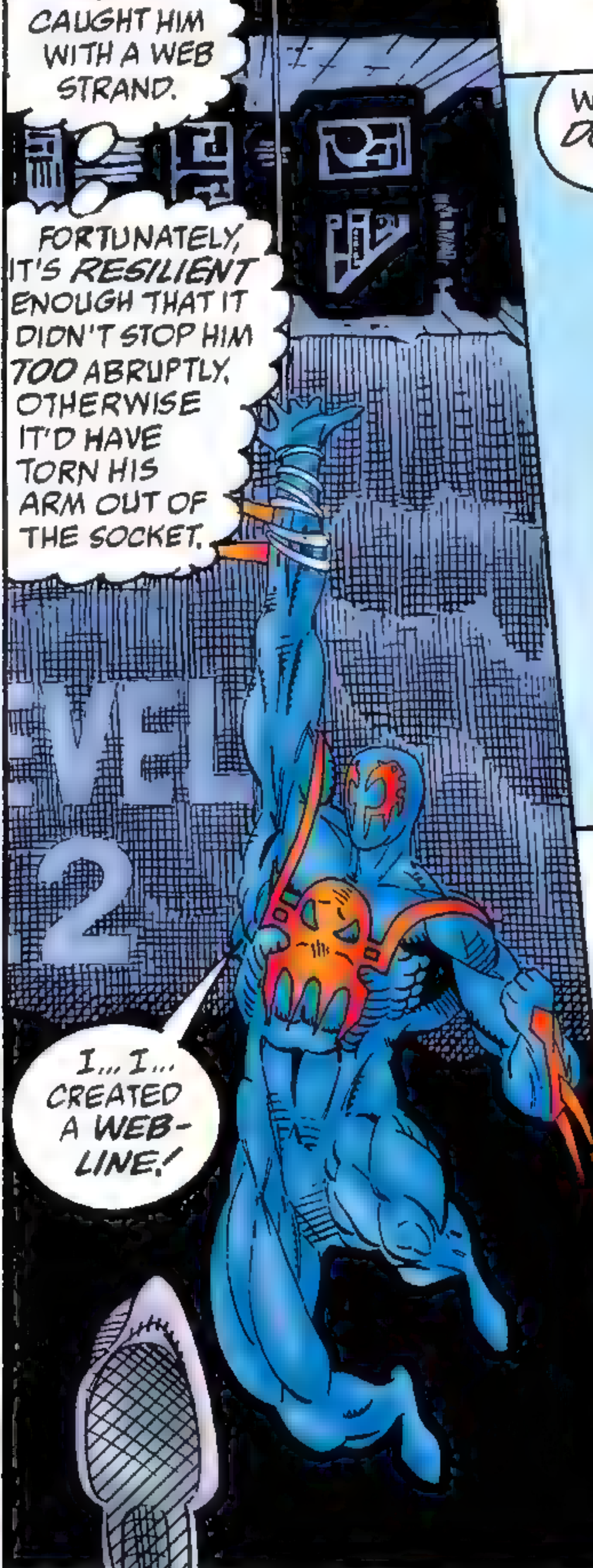
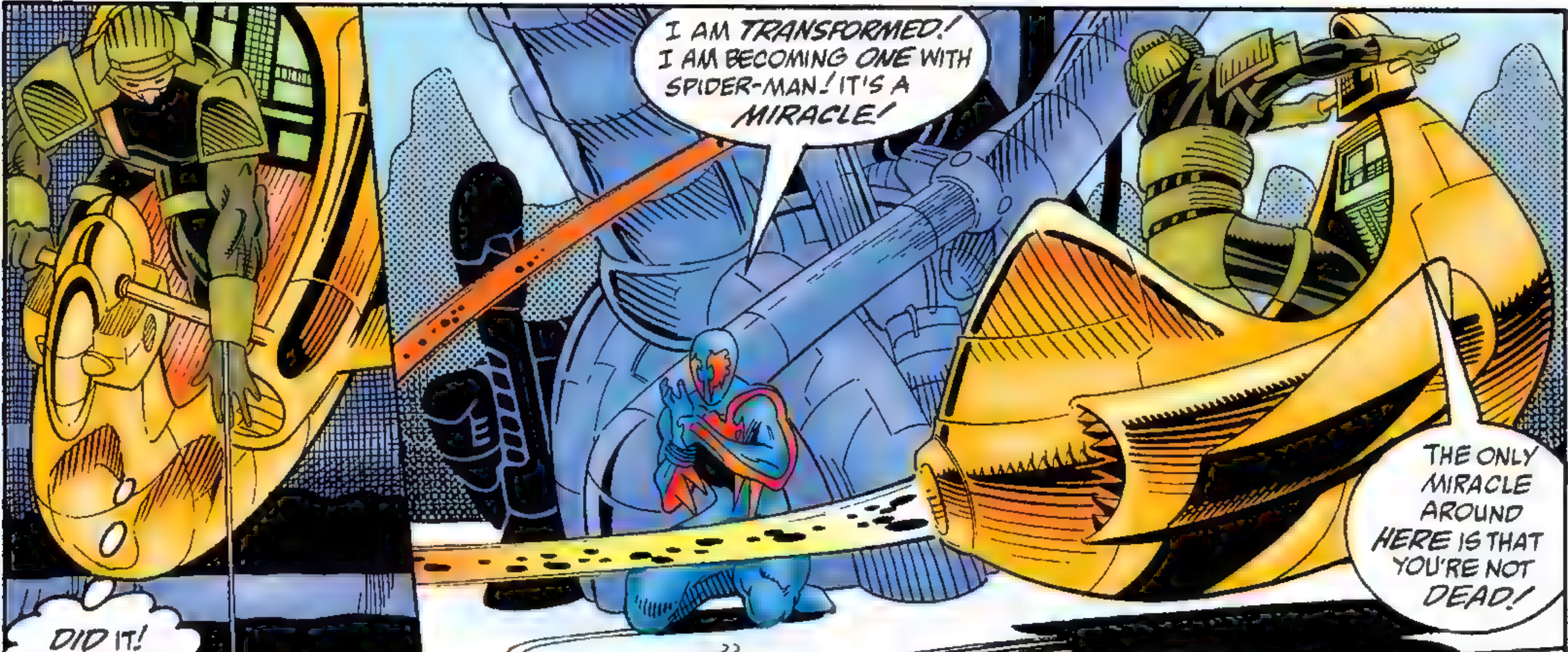
HE WILL BRING  
PUNISHMENT  
FROM ON-HIGH.

OH,  
YEAH?

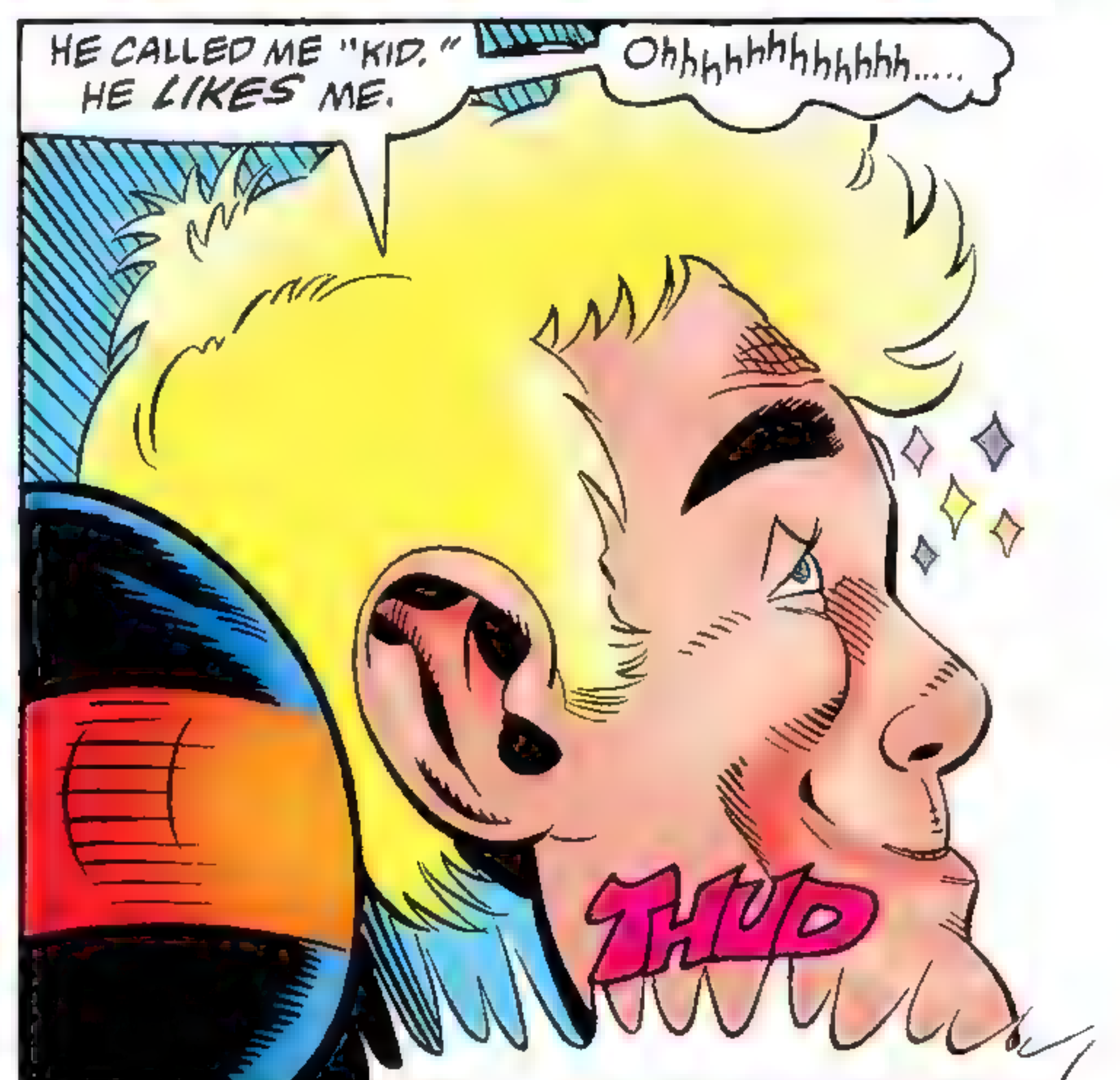
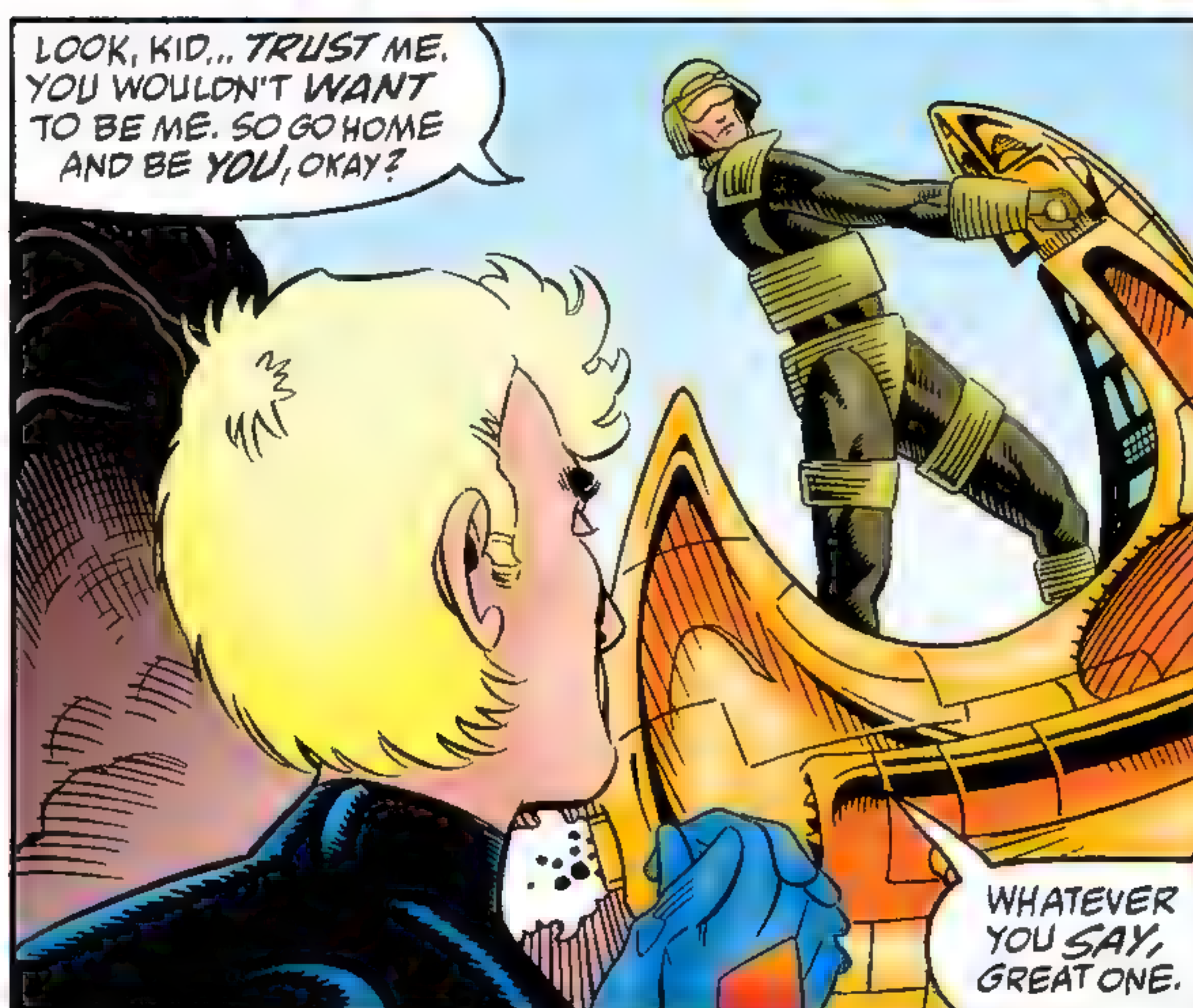
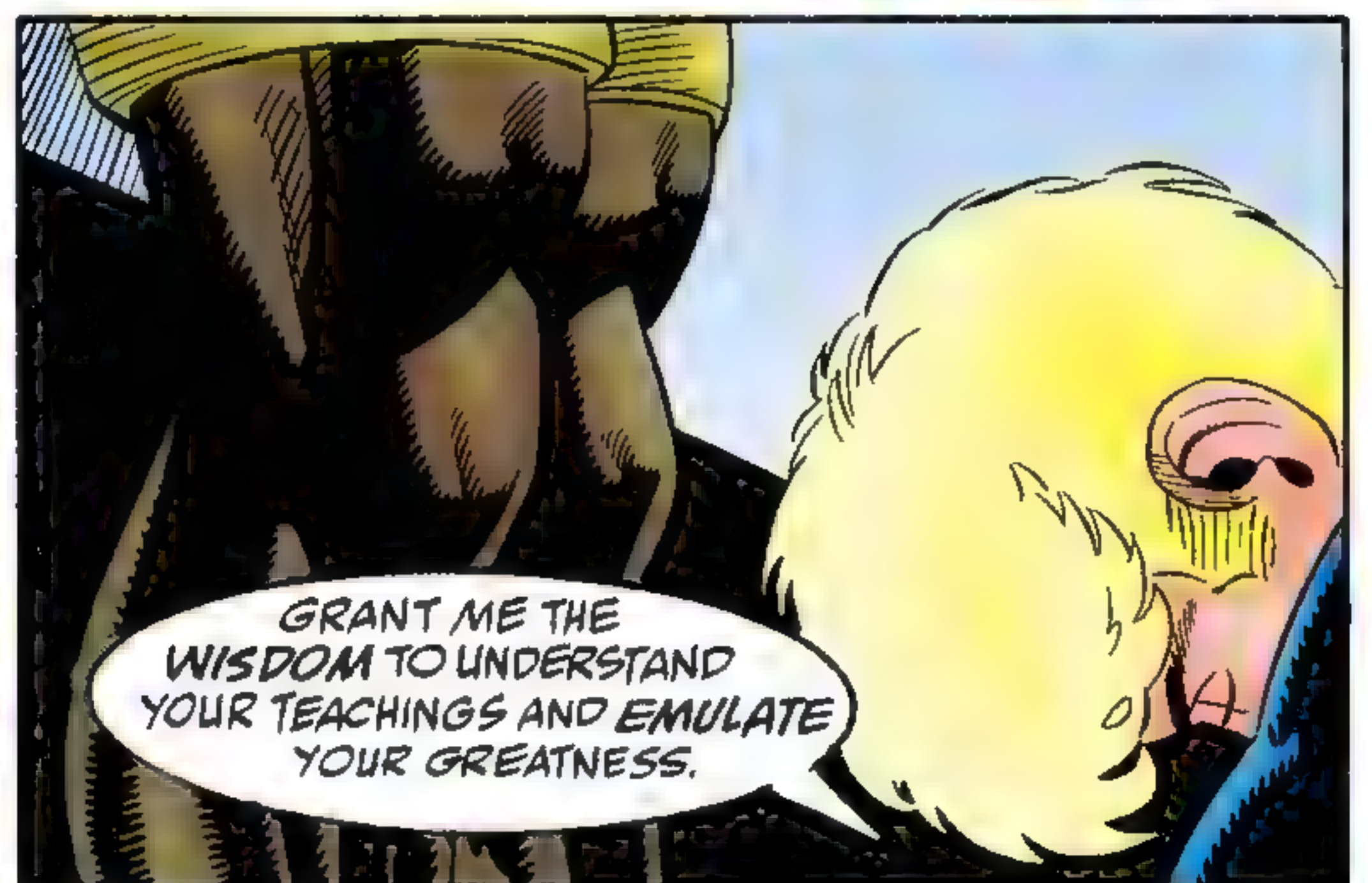
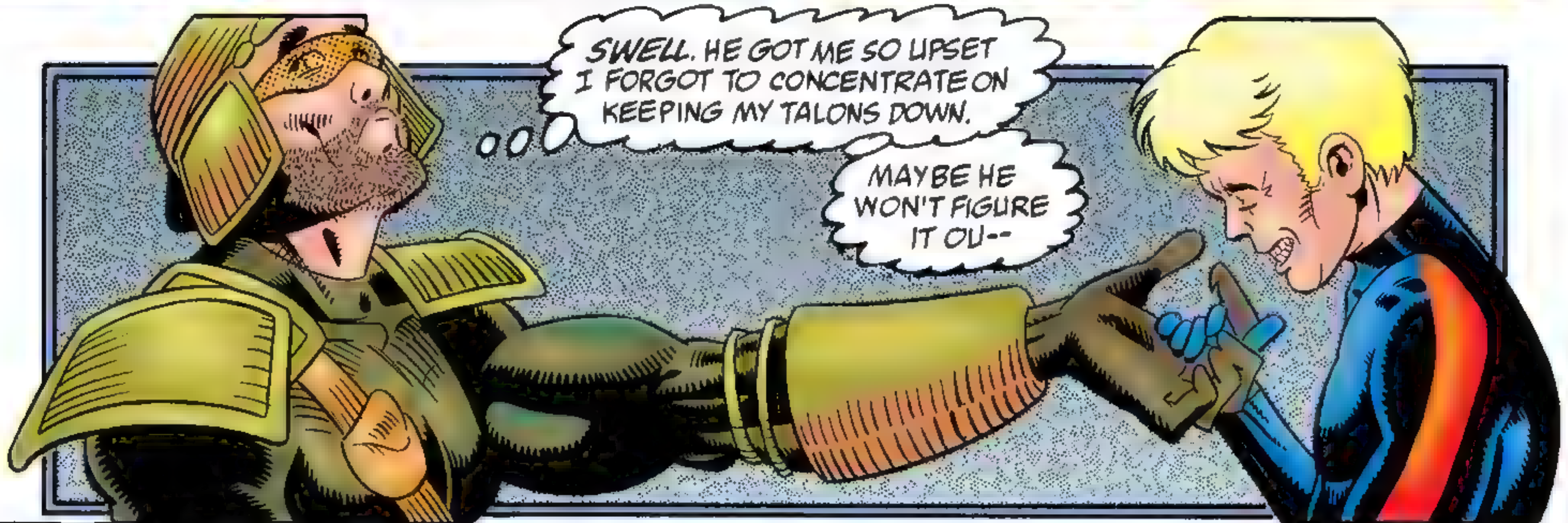
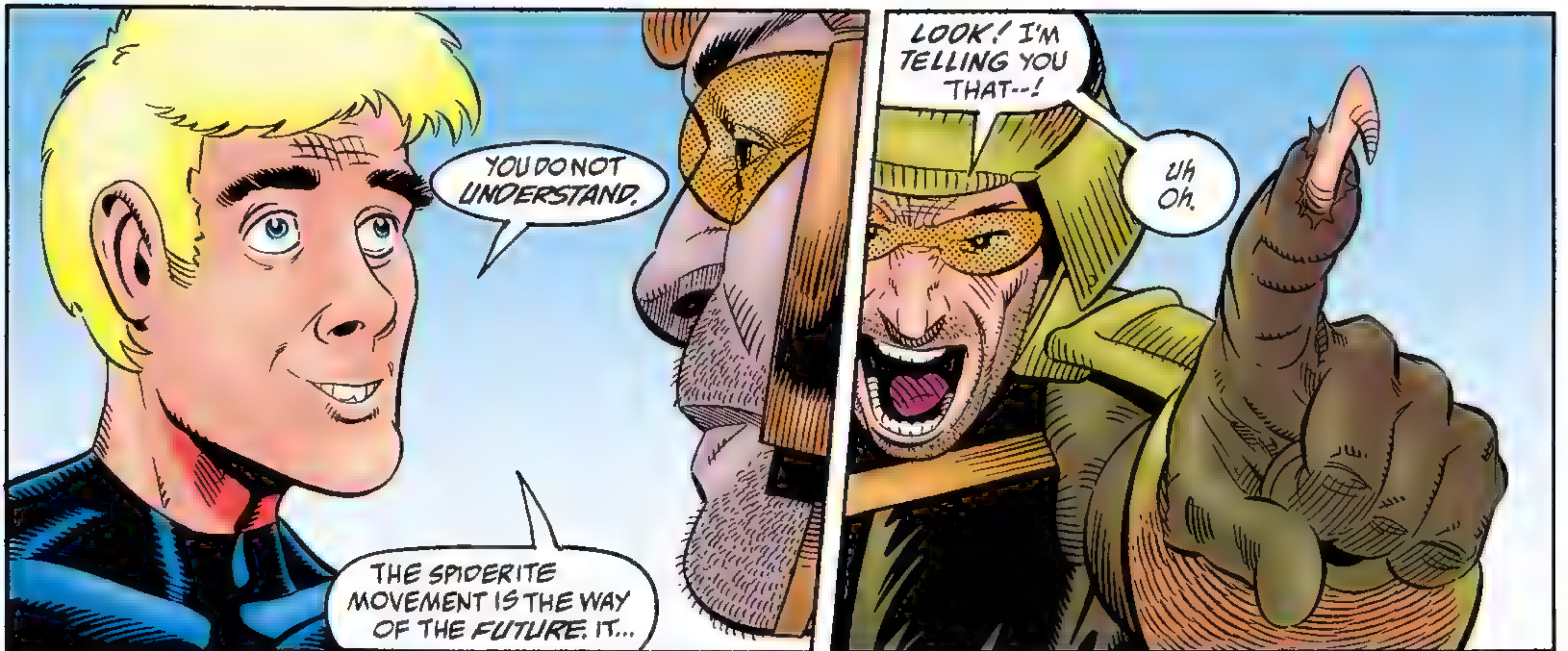


NOT AS BAD AS  
THE PUNISHMENT  
WE'RE GONNA  
BRING, MR.  
MICRO-SUCTION-  
FINGERTIPS.

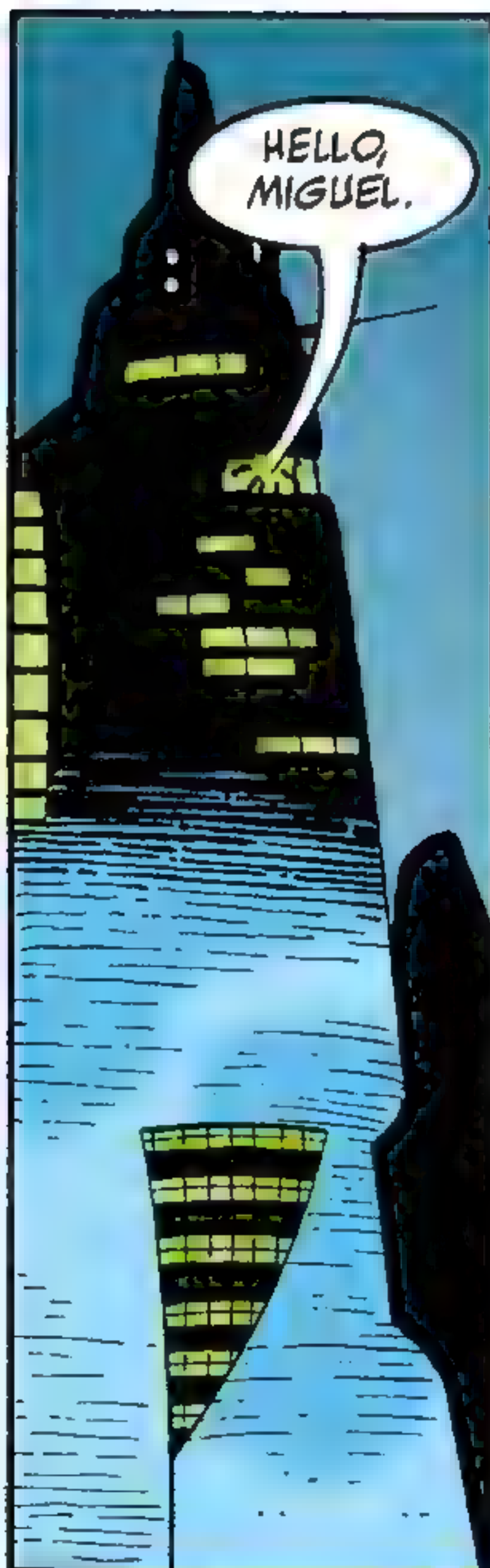












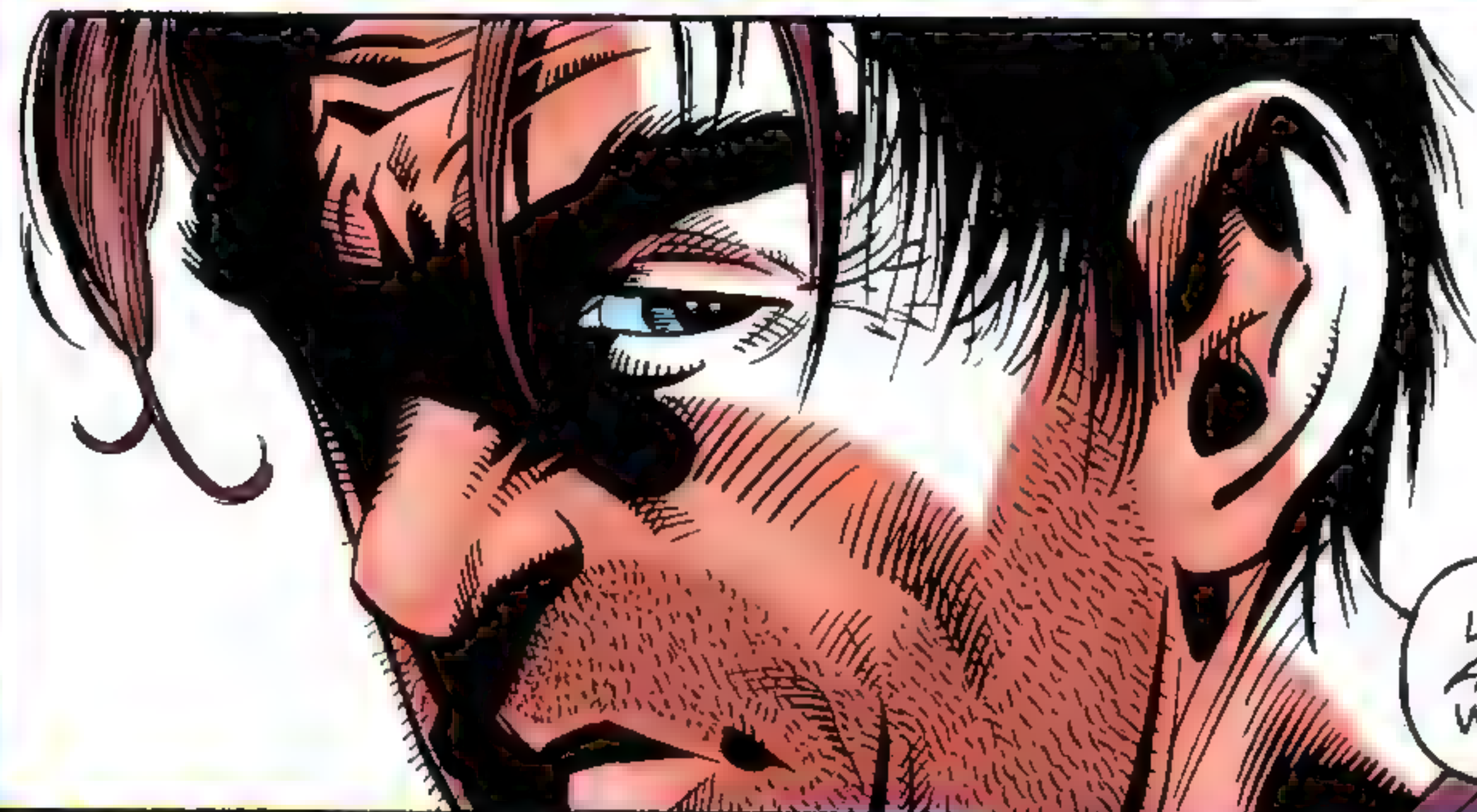
HELLO,  
MIGUEL.



THERE ARE FOUR MESSAGES  
AND A METRO EXPRESS  
PACKAGE FOR YOU.

EVEN WITH THE  
HELMET ON, YOU  
KNOW ME IN A  
SECOND. INCREDIBLE.

INSTANTANEOUS  
RECOGNITION IS ONE  
OF MY MORE ROUTINE  
FUNCTIONS, MIGUEL.



JUST OUT OF  
CURIOSITY, LYLA...  
IS THERE ANY CIR-  
CUMSTANCE UNDER  
WHICH YOU WOULDN'T  
I.D. ME?

OF COURSE. IF ALL YOUR  
LIFE FUNCTIONS HAD STOPPED  
AND YOUR HANDS AND FEET  
WERE SEVERED FROM YOUR  
BODY...



... AND YOUR  
EYES WERE  
GOUGED OUT  
AND YOUR  
TEETH WERE  
BROKEN.



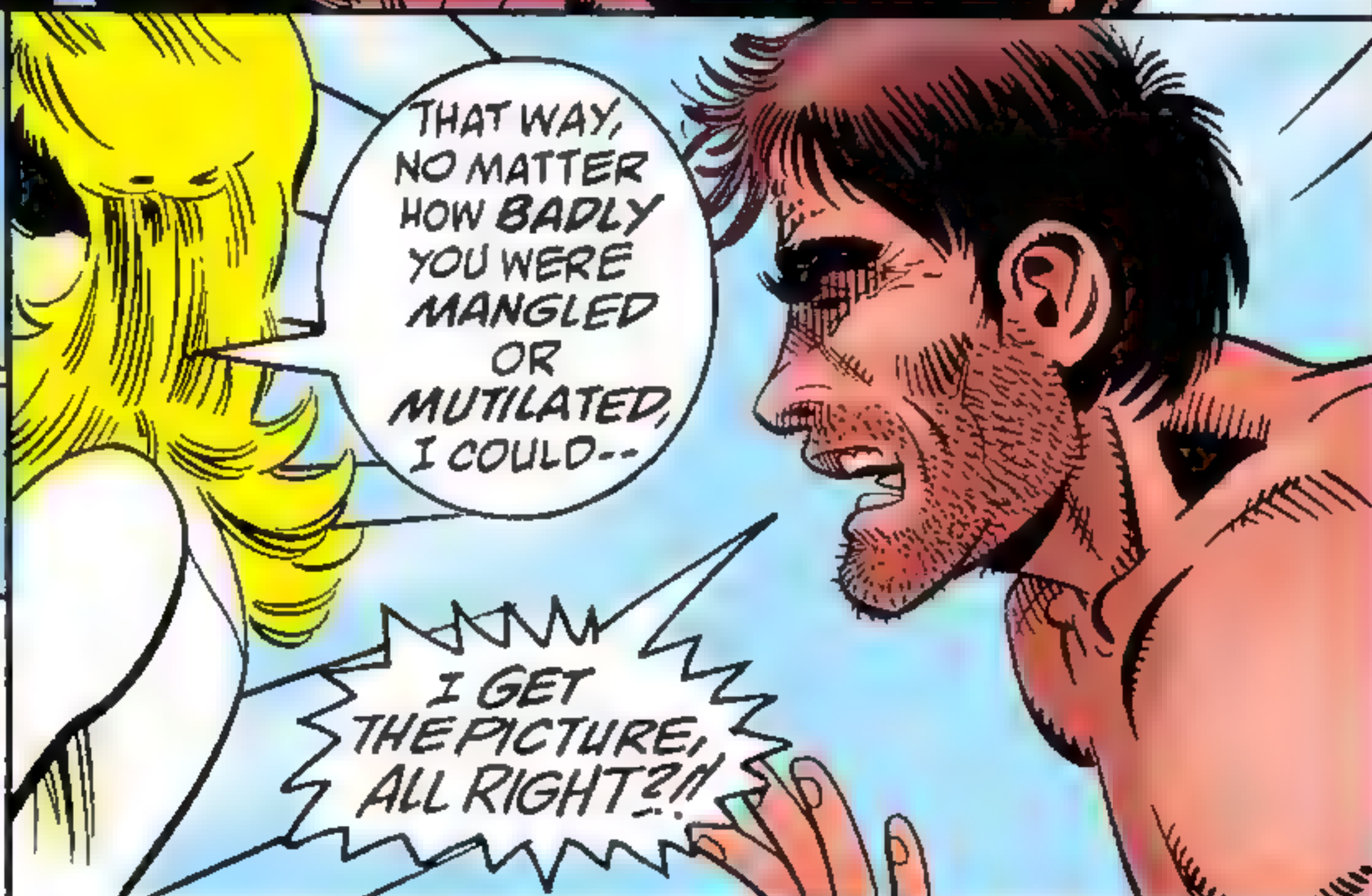
SWELL.  
DRAW ME A  
BATH,  
WOULD YA?



OR IF YOU WERE  
INCINERATED. THAT  
WOULD DO IT.

OKAY,  
THANKS.

YOU  
COULD  
HAVE ME  
UPGRADED  
FOR  
DNA SCANS.



THAT WAY,  
NO MATTER  
HOW BADLY  
YOU WERE  
MANGLED  
OR  
MUTILATED,  
I COULD--

I GET  
THE PICTURE,  
ALL RIGHT?!!



YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
SHOUT  
AT ME,  
MIGUEL!





YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT LIKE I HAVE NO FEELINGS.



LYLA, YOU'RE A HOLOGRAPHIC COMPUTER AGENT. YOU DON'T HAVE FEELINGS.



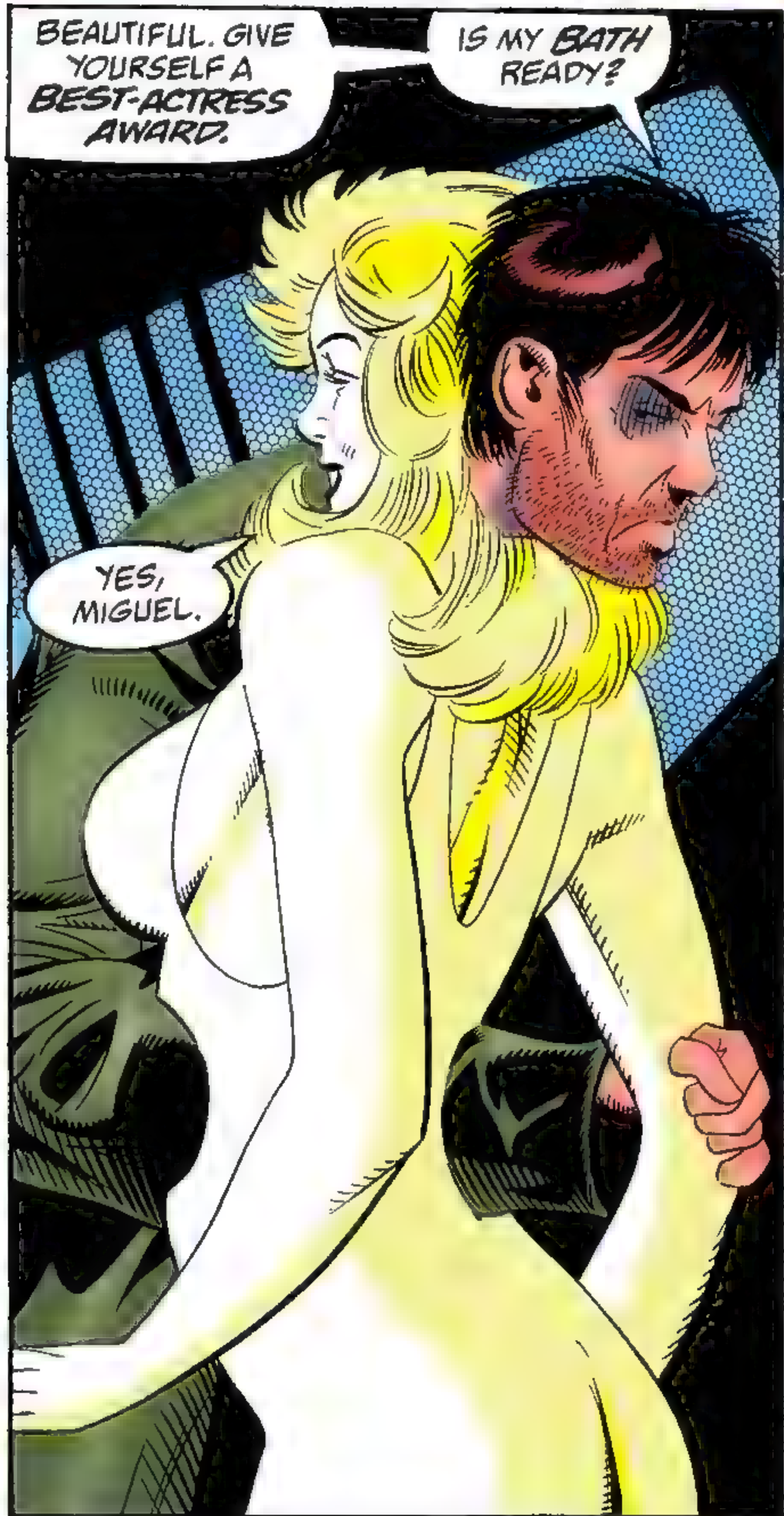
TRUE. BUT I'M PROGRAMMED TO SIMULATE THEM.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO FAKE A JEALOUS TANTRUM?



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'VE BEEN SEEING ANOTHER SYSTEM! SOME BUBBLE-HEAD, WITH A BIGGER...

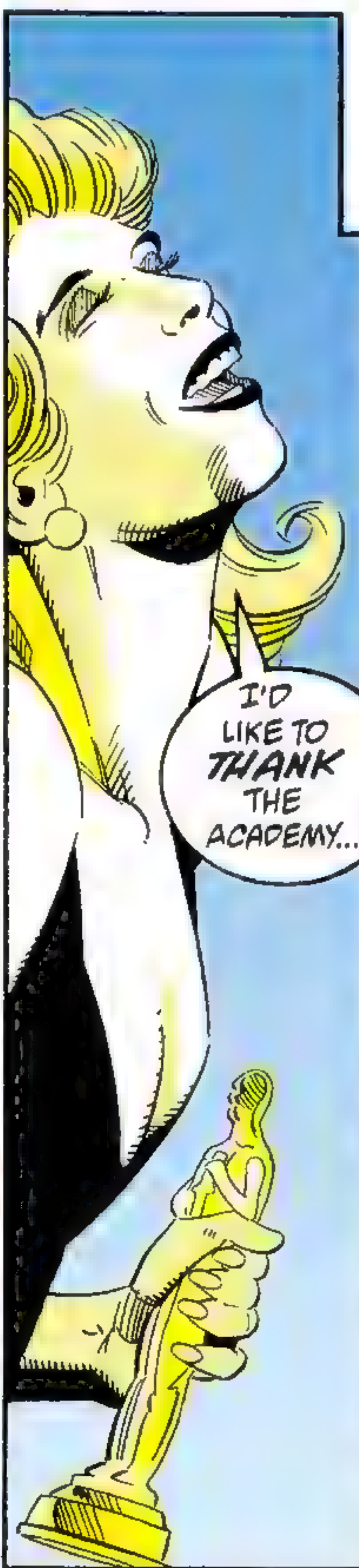
...MEMORY! MIGUEL, I THOUGHT WE HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL!



BEAUTIFUL. GIVE YOURSELF A BEST-ACTRESS AWARD.

IS MY BATH READY?

YES, MIGUEL.



I'D LIKE TO THANK THE ACADEMY...

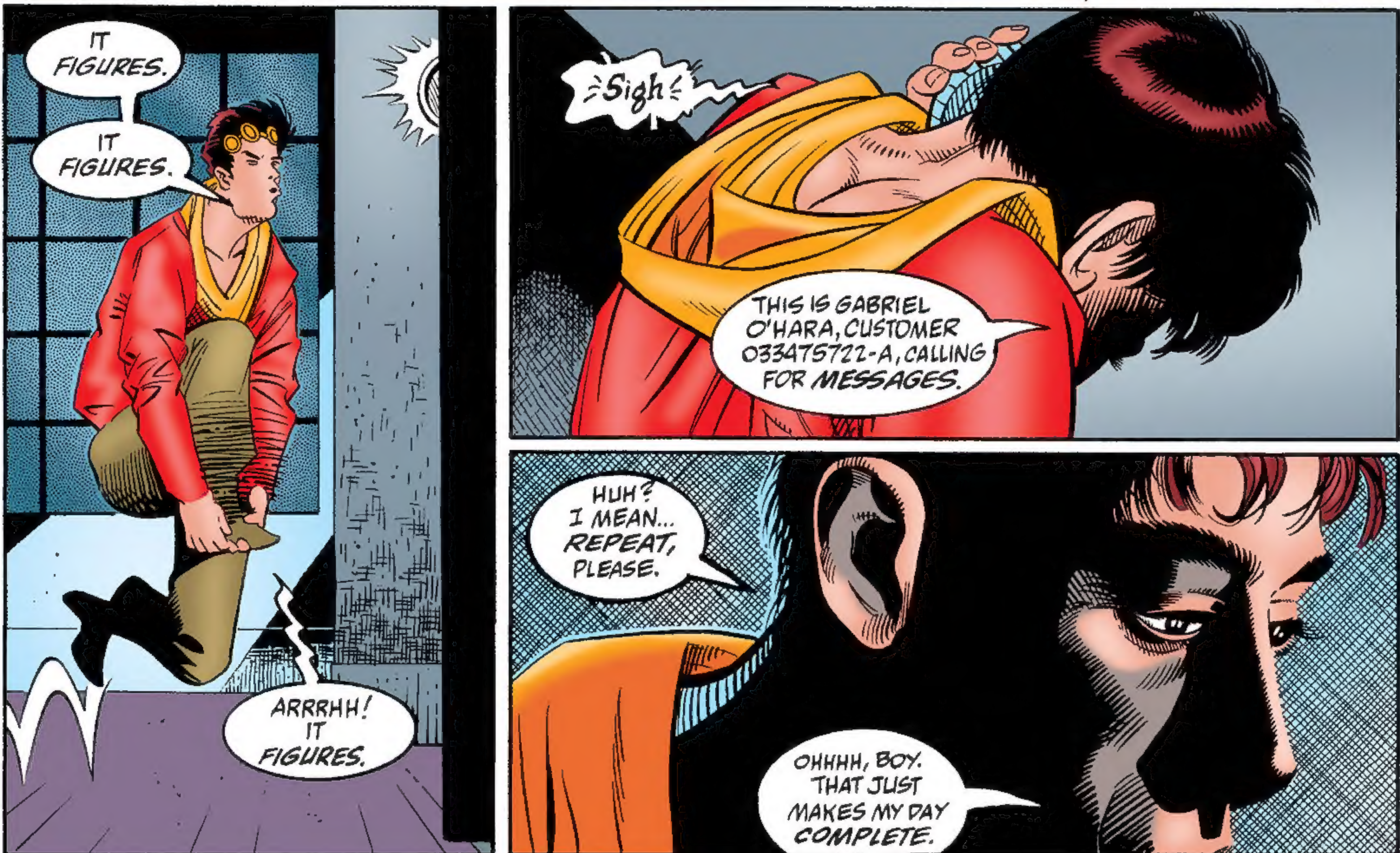
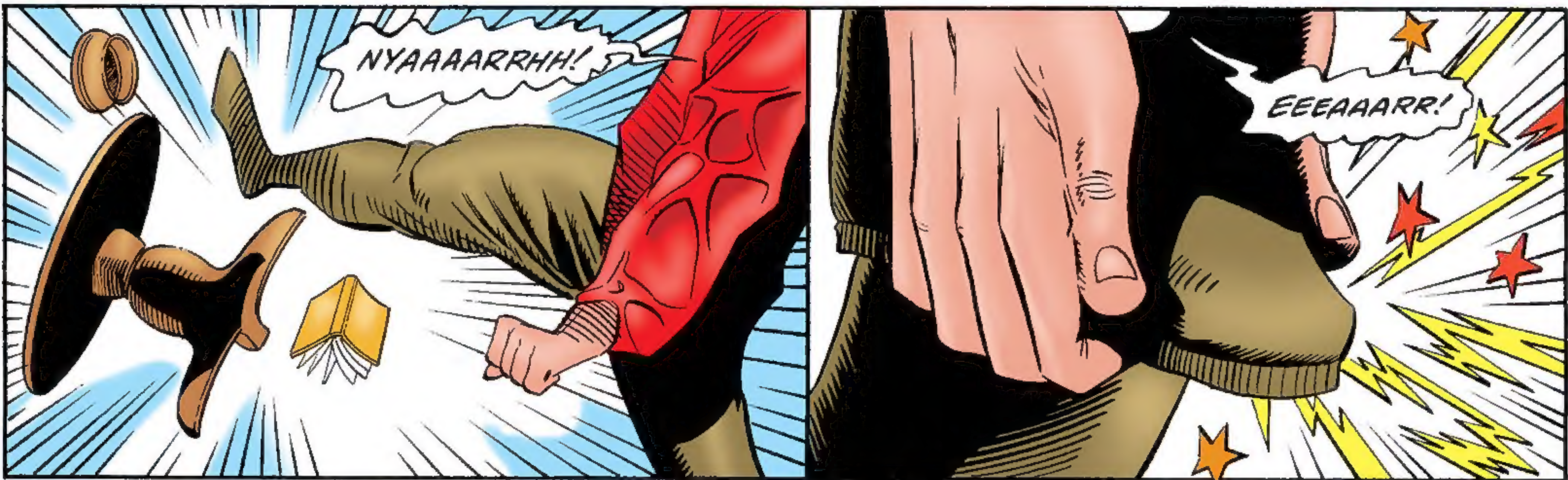


ONCE THE RESTORATIVE CREAM SOAKS IN, IT SHOULD REMOVE THE BRUISES.

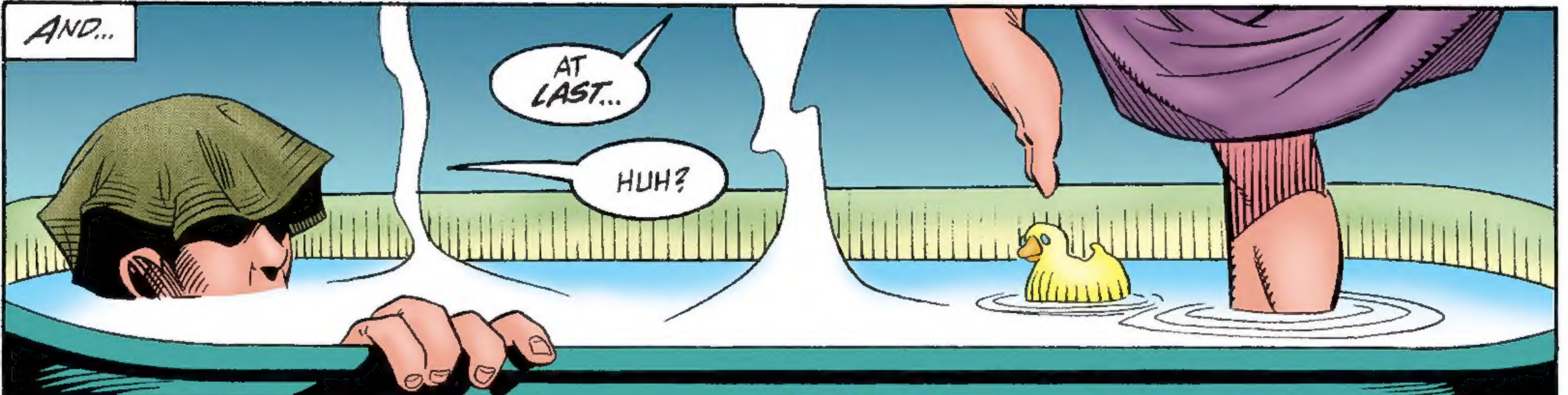
AND THEN I'M GOING TO SOAK FOR A YEAR.

...AND MY PROGRAMMERS, WITHOUT WHOM I'D BE NOTHING...









AND...

AT  
LAST...

HUH?



I'VE GOT  
YOU WHERE  
I WANT  
YOU.



MIGUEL.

LOOK, DANA... I KNOW I'VE BEEN  
REAL HARD TO TRACK *DOWN*  
LATELY. BUT THERE'S A REASON.



OH, REALLY?  
WHAT'S THE  
REASON?

WHAT  
IS IT?



THAT'S RIGHT.  
WHAT IS IT?



THE REASON...  
IS THAT I WAS  
DEVELOPING A  
METHOD OF...

OF  
WHAT?



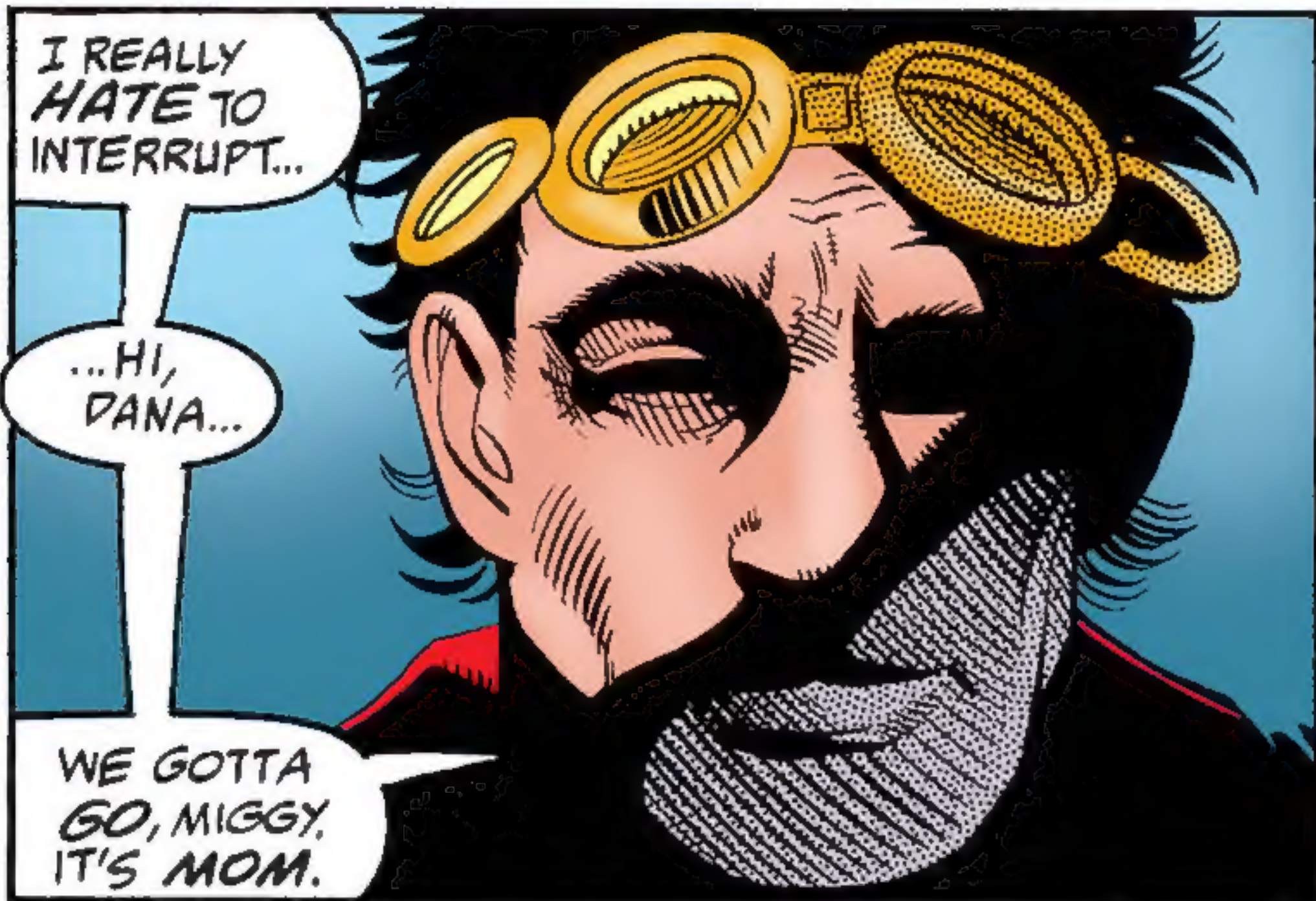
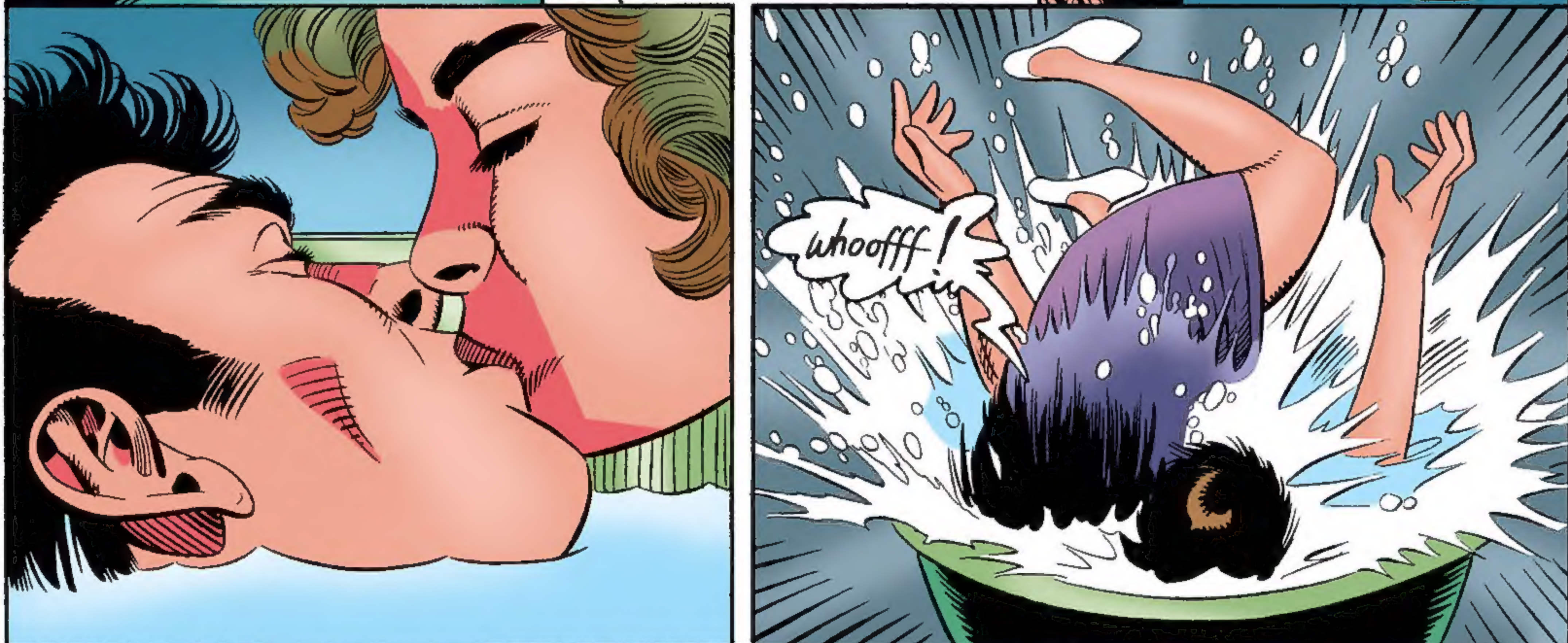
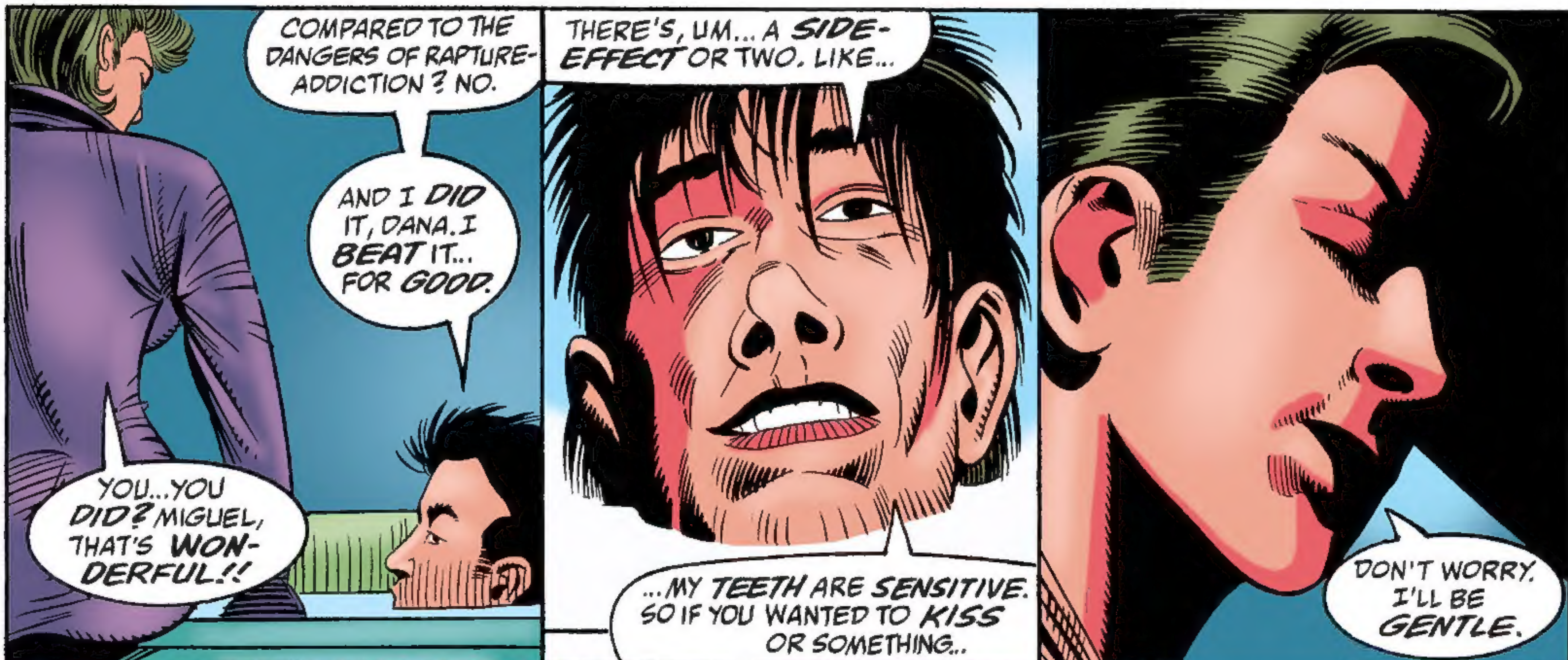
OF, UH... SHAKING THE  
EFFECTS OF RAPTURE.  
SO, UH...



... SO I WASN'T KEEPING YOU  
UP ON MY WHEREABOUTS, BE-  
CAUSE I'D BEEN SEEING SOME  
PEOPLE... WORKING SOME  
SHADY PLACES...

MIGUEL!  
YOU WEREN'T  
DOING ANYTHING  
DANGEROUS  
WERE YOU?









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